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Dear Legislators ~

As a full time family farmers in Oregon of 30 years, we urge you to take strong action on climate change. A changing climate is one of the biggest threats to our livelihood and all local agriculture. We are already negatively impacted by its symptoms and are on the front lines of extreme weather changes that vegetable crops cannot sustain, smoke from fires that harm our workers, and decreased yields due to major shifts in previously stable "degree day" sun and warmth needed for healthy crops. Last year alone saw a 10% decrease in production due to a highly abnormal fall after 29 years of steady growth.

**Please pass legislation that 1) puts a limit and price on greenhouse gas emissions 2) provides incentives for climate-friendly agricultural practices, and 3) helps our communities prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.**

Cap and Invest legislation is critical to ensuring that Oregon limits climate pollution and can provide resources to support agricultural practices that mitigate climate change and create resiliency in the face of climate change.

Please act boldly as leaders to protect our rich natural heritage in Oregon. We know if we do not, the generations to come will have much hardship sustaining agriculture in this state. A short term adjustment for the sake of long term viability should not even be in question.

Thank you for leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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