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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Oppose Costly Cap-and-Trade in SB 1530
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Dear Chair Dembrow,

I strongly oppose SB1530. It is an enormous tax being forced on the fine citizens of Oregon, that we did not get to vote on. That SHOULD be illegal. I crunched the numbers for my farm if you force this tax on us.

My propane bill will increase by \$183 per year, with a 16 cent per gallon rise. That's not much you think, especially if it's not your money.

Our bulk fuel bill for the farm will increase by \$31,010 in a year, with a proposed 72 cent per gallon increase!

That is not the clincher. We farm hops and have a nursery, which both require natural gas. The number I have seen for the future of natural gas increase is 53%. At that rate, my annual gas bill will rise by \$59559. That is someone's salary. The bulk fuel bill of \$31,010 is almost a salary.

There are many talking points against SB1530, but the one I wish to make is that your new tax will cause us to have to let people go, and reduce hours. Forget additional hiring. SB1530 is a job killer.

The numbers I gave you are only for the direct increases we will see from our fuel suppliers (to the best of my ability to calculate at this juncture). Everything we purchase, in order to farm for you, is going to cost us more.

Stop taxing us in the name of the save the planet fraud!

Sincerely,

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