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**From:** Isabella Thorndike <jacklilyfloral@gmail.com>  
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Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Olsen and Members of the Senate Interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources,

My name is Isabella Thorndike Church, I am a second generation flower farmer in the Rogue Valley. I also own and operate a floral design company that uses only locally grown materials in our work. As a young person who relies directly upon the land for my health and livelihood, it should go without saying that a livable planet is critical for my (and everyone else's!) survival.

Growing up close to the land I have seen first hand the impacts of climate change that are already severely impacting our way of life. Early cut off dates for irrigation and farming with a respiration mask for weeks at a time due to wildfire smoke are just a few examples. As you well know, I am not alone in supporting strong climate policy in rural Oregon. Over [250 agriculture stakeholders have signed on in support of cap and invest legislation](#).

Seriously addressing climate change in Oregon is **long** overdue. While the legislation that is currently on the table is by no means perfect or as strong as I wish it were, we simply do not have the time to let another year go by without some action.

I urge your leadership in passing 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.

Thank you for your time and work to protect all of us Oregonians, present and future. Addressing climate change in any meaningful way gets less viable by the day. I am in support of LC19.

Sincerely yours,

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