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To: <u>SENR Exhibits</u>

Subject: Oppose Costly Cap-and-Trade in SB 1530

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## Dear Chair Dembrow,

I am writing this letter as a rural business owner with real concerns about SB 1530, the "Cap and Trade" nightmare for rural Oregon.

I've heard SB 1530 is suppose to alleviate the cost burden on Rural Oregonians; this statement is simply not true. On my farm, alone, our cost will go up approximately \$16,000 in 2022 and after this date may continue to rise with no guarantees of helping us in rural Oregon or improving greenhouse gasses in our state.

Our multi-generational family farm, like many others in this state, grow crops, plant trees, and preserve our lands to lessen greenhouse gasses, and we proudly are stewards of Oregon's greatest resources. SB 1530 hurts Natural Resource industries and the very people who try to preserve our way of life for future generations.

Agriculture does not get to pass on increased costs like other businesses. Our equipment doesn't get traded up to more efficient models, our fuel usage doesn't decrease to cut costs, and our animals don't get the message to pass less gas. All of these "dont's" are because the food, flora, and fiber industries "can't" afford it. Any extra costs from SB 1530 will squeeze farms like ours at time when trade pressures are at a high, a new state gross receipts tax goes into affect, and finding farm labor is nearly impossible.

Please, join me in opposing SB 1530, and Thank you for listening to my all too real concerns.

Sincerely,

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