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I am writing in support of strong climate action and passage of cap and trade legislation.

I understand that rural residents and some industries have legitimate concerns about disproportionately bearing the burden of rising prices. I support efforts to protect these households and businesses, and I'm confident that lawmakers can design a bill that does so.

Climate policy is too important to turn into a partisan battle. For any policy to past and last, it must enjoy at least some bipartisan support. Thus, I urge Republicans to bring their ideas to the table, and I ask Democrats to listen with an open mind. If both sides begin with the twin goals of reducing pollution and protecting lower- and middle-income residents, rural households, and small businesses, there is no reason you can't find a workable compromise.

Oregonians are tired of the hyper-partisanship in our legislature. Neither side is entirely at fault, and neither is blame-free. Please get over it and get the job done.

Thank you,
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