

I am writing because I have deep concerns about the proposed Oregon Cap and Trade policies.

With a family owned farm that's over 150 years old, I understand sustainability and conservation. As most, I have carbon reduction on my mind and how it effects our future.

I have implemented solar power, practiced fuel reduction, upgraded lighting, insulation and heat sources to reduce energy impact, increased soil health, recycled at every chance, etc., etc...

BUT, even with our many and on going practices, we have been hit hard with escalating cost of production and depressed commodity prices.

As I understand, the cost impact on my rural farm and my employees will be great if proposed Cap and Trade policies, such as the gas tax increase of .14/gal. is enforced. This spike will impact every facet of crop production. It will also effect my employees and their families who drive longer distances and have no viable access to transit.

I am not able to simply pass along the cost to consumers in the form of higher prices. Farmers can not raise our commodity prices!

As the cost of production increases and multiplies down the chain and as we try to compete with other states not burdened with Oregon's giant new tax., I see our goods becoming unaffordable and our markets depleted.

Farm debt rose to \$409 billion in 2019. (Wallstreet Journal 2/6/19) and the average farm income has fallen to near 15 year lows (Politico 2/6/19).

Adding more cost burden to rural Oregon farms, families and communities with carbon tax legislation is a dangerous threat to our way of live and survival.

If California is an example of the effects of Cap and Trade, it seems to be a poor one. It has produced a decrease in manufacturing job creations, raises energy rates for families and further divided the urban and rural communities. Cap and Trade as implemented in California has also NOT delivered on the promised greenhouse gas reductions. Oregon (already the 6th lowest carbon emissions per capita in the nation), without Cap and Trade has reduced emissions more between 2000 and 2016 than California.

Please consider the cost impact of this legislation and review the significant new laws in Oregon designed to reduce greenhouse gases that have not taken effect yet and give them a chance to work.

Thank you for your time and listening to my concerns.

From a small family farm in Marion county, Oregon