

Dear Legislature,

My husband and I farm and ranch in eastern Oregon raising a variety of crops including several vegetable seed crops, corn, and cattle. As with many businesses we are competing with a global market, however, farming can NOT pass down our costs. The additional costs that we will incur resulting from cap and trade legislation comes straight off our bottom line. Farmers already are operating on bare minimum profits because of the slump in commodities prices since 2013. We also farm next to Idaho where they will not have the added costs to fuel, utilities, and therefore will make it even more difficult for us to compete with. Because our livelihoods are dependent upon the land and its resources we have taken steps to be good stewards of the land, we do a lot of high residue (reduced tillage) farming and have installed a large amounts of solar energy to offset pumping costs on our farm. I do not believe this is good for our state, it will only drive business out of the state and not benefit the environment as it is being proposed to do. Let free enterprise with solar gain the benefits. Having less restrictions on amounts of solar coming from the Utility companies would be more helpful for people going forward. Please do not pass this legislation it will not benefit our state from a business friendly stand point or from a citizen point either!!

Sincerely,

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