

Hon. Representatives:

As a Farm Bureau member I felt I had to write to make clear **not all members of Farm Bureau view climate change as a minor problem**. It may very well be the biggest challenge we have faced as a nation. So complaining about a 20 cent rise in fuel cost is not reasonable, nor is objecting to disproportionate impact on rural communities or the small impact we will have on climate change. We are a small part of humanity, any action we take will have a small impact physically. The large impact we can have is political. By showing we are doing our part, and a bit more, we can encourage enough small changes to add up to the big change we need.

So that said, the Cap and Trade concept is complicated, expensive to administer and will be gamed. Oregon's record with such schemes is not good to put it mildly. The question you as legislators must answer is whether the gain in political feasibility and theoretical economic efficiency of cap and trade is worth the high administrative cost and the reduced impact on carbon emissions compared to a carbon tax. If the answer is no, I would suggest a robust carbon tax with some rebates for a few essential uses (such as agriculture). If the rebates are independent of the amount of carbon burned we can maintain our competitiveness and still exert a strong push to limit carbon emissions. This approach is simpler and much more resistant to cheating.

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