

Governor Brown,

Cap and Trade will be very damaging to Rural Economies and to Business in Oregon. The added cost of gas and diesel would be a tremendous hardship on Oregon nursery operators, farmers and ranchers who live and work in Rural areas.

As the Carbon cap goes down and fees go up, economics will dictate that Oregon companies will move elsewhere, costing jobs in Rural Oregon, where they are needed most. Many of these companies purchase crops and livestock from Oregon farmers and ranchers. If the companies leave, so do the markets for those crops and livestock. These commodities would then have to be shipped longer distances for processing, burning more diesel fuel.

Farmers and Ranchers use lots of diesel fuel for their trucks and heavy equipment and gas for their cars. They also use large amounts of electricity and natural gas to power irrigation pumps. You have not included in your calculations that there are no alternatives to those uses. Oregon says they want to use the tax for insulating homes and building solar and wind projects. None of those will reduce the price of fuel or electricity, which farmers, ranchers, nursery's and food processors need to remain in business and continue to feed the World and sustain the local economy.

We need to scrap the plan for now. We need a plan that has a significant and affordable impact on the changing climate. A ineffective and expensive plan that would victimize Rural Oregon is unacceptable.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

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