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Thank you for receiving my comments. I have lived in Baker City, Eugene, Overseas, and Portland but mostly in Baker City since 1945. I have been self-employed for all my time in Baker City and managed the largest Public Accounting Firm in NE Oregon.

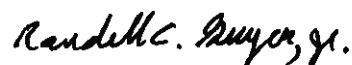
The Oregon East-West/Rural-Metropolitan divide is more serious today than I have ever known it to be. This is being driven primarily by economics from the loss and lack of adequate family wage jobs in most of Rural Oregon. I lived in Baker when we lost our forest products industry. I watched and experienced the devastating results on families, businesses and community service organizations. This Cap-and-Trade bill will have similar results for us. It will be devastating with increased costs and loss of businesses, jobs, families and public service organizations. We have not, despite economic development efforts been able to attract comparable substitute businesses and jobs. I urge you to provide exemptions to our region. We are industrious, proud and like to earn our own way.

Also I ask that you analyze our regions carbon emissions/oxygen production. You will find that we have adequate private timber, brush and grass lands to turn all local carbon emissions back to oxygen. The addition of Federal and State lands gives us a more positive impact. This computation could be done by OSU if you wish to verify the claim.

Personally, I believe passing such legislation on a State level only leads to Oregon Citizens losses as business finds more friendly operating States. This Issue is National not regional, and there are harder issues, to deal with on a State basis.

Please consider an exemption for our region if you proceed.

Sincerely,



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