

February 22, 2019

Pat Rank
General Manager
Cascade Pacific Pulp, LLC
Halsey, Oregon

RE: verbal testimony, Cap and Trade, HB 2020

Members of the Committee on Carbon Reduction. My name is Pat Rank. I am the General Manager of Cascade Pacific Pulp in Halsey, Oregon. We directly employ 185 men and women. Our mill has operated for over 50 years using sawdust and chip residuals from lumber production. Environmentally we use the best achievable control technology and currently, more than 90% of our process steam is generated from biomass.

Our mill is energy-intensive, trade-exposed. We are not able to pass the increased costs of production associated with this bill onto our customers. Ratcheting down our energy footprint to follow the proposed cap is impractical. As caps decrease and fees increase it will become impossible for us to operate our facility. Furthermore, without complete exemption for pulp and paper, we will not be able to afford continued operation resulting in carbon leakage.

The harvesting of timber, production of lumber and other wood products, and the manufacture of pulp and paper in Oregon provide family wage jobs, reduces the fuel load that burden our state and federal lands while reducing the danger of uncontrolled wildfires. It also sequesters carbon into products people use every day. The forest products industry also provides a strong tax base for education, community services, community safety and care for those less fortunate.

It is irresponsible to place the burden of cap and trade on the pulp and paper industry, the timber industry, and the men and women that live and work in Oregon. Our company, our employees and the communities we contribute to and live in will be adversely affected by this bill.

I urge you to permanently exempt Pulp and Paper.

I urge you to reconsider the bill in its entirety.

Cascade Pacific Pulp cannot afford this legislation.
The Timber Industry cannot afford this legislation.
The men and women of Oregon cannot afford this legislation.

I leave these postcards with you from those who could not attend today. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Pat Rank