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To: Senator Arnie Roblan,

We own 103 acres of forest and farm land NW of Sheridan, Oregon. We also have a small logging company with our son.

We recently sent you an email about our concerns with HB 2152 on forest land taxes. Thank you for considering our views and your return email. Now HB 2020 has come to our attention. It appears to be a cap and trade bill on carbon dioxide emissions and includes a tax on fuel.

We see the overwhelming scientific evidence that the earth's climate is warming at an increasing rate due in large part to human caused increases in greenhouse gases. Also we see the resulting increasing negative effects globally on humans as well as ecosystems in general. It is imperative that we do all that we can to reverse this now!

A cap and trade bill is complicated, expensive, and difficult to administer. It is difficult to make equitable and of questionable value in achieving stated goals. If we want to decrease greenhouse gas emissions why not simply tax them and use the proceeds for research and development into methods to reduce them? Do not water down efforts to solve this problem by adding more bureaucracy and catering to special interests. Also we fully support a tax on all fossil fuels as long as the proceeds are used for research and development of more eco-friendly alternatives with NO exemptions. Do not complicate a simple tax by granting credits to special groups. This only decreases its effectiveness and is not equitable. We know this is the opposite of what our industry and land owner organizations are lobbying for; but this challenge is too great and we must ALL participate to address it. As self-employed loggers we use a lot of off- road fuel, but there is little we can do about that on our own. We are willing to pay a fuel tax that will go to developing better alternatives. All must make sacrifices. Again, NO exemptions or credits for the fuel tax - not for the timber industry, the farmers, off road use, etc. . If everyone pays, the tax would not have to be as high. As an "advanced society" we have done more than our share to cause this problem. We must be willing to pay the cost of trying to fix it. The costs will only increase for future generations.

Thank you for your work and for considering our concerns. Let us please not be weak in our response to this tremendous challenge and responsibility.

Again, thank you.

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