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As a Farmer/Rancher whose family has been raising cattle, producing hay and small grains in the Klamath Basin since 1889, I urge that you oppose HB 2020. It will drive up the cost of production without the ability to recoup these costs. Agriculture doesn't have the ability to pass costs on, so this bill would further reduce profitability. When farms operate on meager margins, many conservation practices fall to the wayside as it comes to a point of just trying to survive. Examples are stream side restoration, soil erosion practices and a willingness to engage in projects to help water quality.

This also hurts rural communities as Ag is the economic driver for many of them. Another way that they are affected is that it is a long way to anywhere and increased energy cost put a serious strain on residents budgets. I ask you to vote "no" on HB 2020 as currently drafted. Please protect rural Oregon from cost increases under cap-and-trade

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