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Subject: I OPPOSE HB 2020
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I oppose HB 2020 for the following reasons and more. **VOTE NO FOR OREGON!**

House Bill 2020 Does Not Work for Oregon Agriculture

Oregon's agricultural sector is committed to natural resources stewardship and sustainability; we are part of the solution to atmospheric CO₂. Oregon already is a leader in building one of the cleanest economies in the country through the adoption of major renewable fuel and energy policies (i.e. Low Carbon Fuel Standard, Renewable Portfolio Standard, and Coal-to-Clean). Oregon's share of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions is less than one percent and on a clear downward trend. HB 2020 will not make a measurable change in global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;¹ however, the policy will reduce the competitiveness of Oregon's family farms and ranches.

HB 2020 lacks appropriate oversight.

HB 2020 turns the bulk of decision-making over to an unknown bureaucracy with few checks on the system. Section 21 directs the Carbon Policy Office to set "an auction floor price for 2021 and a schedule for the floor price to increase by a fixed percentage over inflation each calendar year" and a "set a hard price ceiling for 2021 and a schedule for the hard price ceiling to increase by a fixed percentage over inflation each calendar year." Policy decisions, such as allowance floor and ceiling prices, should not be left to the discretion of any state agency. Similarly, Sections 40 and 41 give the Environmental Justice Task Force the responsibility for reviewing and recommending investments of revenues derived from HB 2020. This body is neither elected nor organized to provide expertise with regard to sequestration practices on Oregon's farms and forests.

Respectfully,
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