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I am a third generation potato farmer in the Klamath Basin, we have been growing potatoes in this area for over ninety years. We work hard to have productive ground year in and year out with good conservation and stewardship. We produce about 65% of our crops in Organic Production which makes it more important to keep our ground healthy and productive with crop rotations, cover crops, green manure, and no till practices. We need a good proactive approach to help reduce our carbon footprint as we believe that farmers grow lots of plants that help the environment.

With House Bill 2020 in place as written our farm costs will go up, because of higher fuel prices for preplant field work, planting, cultivating, and Harvesting. We also wash, sort, pack and ship our potatoes all across the US and Pacific Rim countries. This all uses fuel to have US grown potatoes in our stores shelves. This bill will add additional costs to our products that will have to be passed on to our Oregon consumers if we are to stay in business. With the 15 to 20 cent increase tax for diesel on top of the 53% increase in weight mile tax on trucks in the 2017 transportation bill, farmers will be hit hard by all these increased taxes. All parts of the food chain from seed producers, to commercial producers, to processors to all the trucking from field to stores will have to raise their prices. This will cost the average consumer about \$500 to \$1500 increase cost of living per year with adding food and fuel costs.

We need to have a common sense approach to helping reduce our carbon emissions, which this bill does not help, but does hurt the ag and manufacturing industries in Oregon. If we looked at California's failed cap and trade policy it has not moved the needle down on carbon emissions, but has caused increase costs for all consumers. I know this as we grow potatoes and other crops in California as well. It is more expensive to grow potato crops in California than it does in Oregon within 50 feet of each other. This has driven manufacturing business out of California largely because of higher electricity rates from 44% above the national average to 86% above the national average. By losing business that supply jobs this will hurt all of Oregonians and reduce the taxes that they all supply.

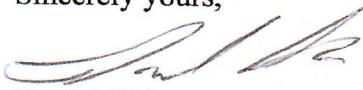
Question is:

WHAT WILL OREGONIANS RECEIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR THESE HIGHER PRICES??

Studies show says David Roland-Hoist, who led Berkeley Economic Advising and Research team that developed an assessment of Oregon's cap and trade program, acknowledge HB 2020 will do little, if anything to reduce global emissions. Instead, he touted the health benefits of reducing local emissions, by being able to afford food, heating oil and gasoline to get to your job-if you still have one-will have an immediate impact on your health.

We need a goal to develop voluntary incentives that help Oregon Agriculture remain competitive globally while sequestering carbon at the same time. As currently drafted, there is no certainty that voluntary incentives will be available to the broader ag community.

Sincerely yours,



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