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To whom it may concern,

As a rural resident of Clatsop County, I am writing to express serious concerns regarding Senate Bill 1530. As a state, we are one of the greenest states figuratively and literally. In 2016, Oregon was the 4th lowest carbon-emitting state per capita. I get that we want to lead the way, we already do. Of our 61 million acres of land, 30 million is forested. Of that 30 million forested acres, 60% is under federal ownership and an unmanaged carbon sink (why are we looking for more considering the fire issues and concerns we have). Add to that, you have 6 million acres of managed industrial tree farms and 821,000 acres of managed state lands. Added to our natural “green”, when measured on a per capita basis, Oregon GHG emissions in 2017 were actually 21% lower than 1990 levels. We have more than doubled the 10% emissions reduction goal and done so three years ahead of the deadline. When using only data provided by the Global Warming Commission through the year 2016, per capita emissions have declined by 22.8%. This shows that individual Oregonians are making big strides in improving energy efficiency. WE ARE GREEN! Why are you pushing legislation when we Oregonians are already proving ourselves? We care. We don’t need to be taxed in order to care. SB 1530 is the answer to what problem in Oregon?

In 2018 we ranked #6 on the “Nation's most expensive place to live” according to CNBC. The cost of this legislation lands on Oregonians to the tune of \$600-\$1000 per year per household, making our beautiful state even less affordable. It will only serve to push our industries to India and China where the pollution is indeed a true story and a clear danger to our globe. While other countries are farming fish in unsustainable polluted environments, logging without environmental protections, and farming without standards, consider for a minute what happens when you drive the price of doing business here in Oregon even higher: pretty soon doing business is no longer sustainable. Then the market will be driven up in countries that pollute their waterways, destroy their air, land, and our oceans.

The men and women of Oregon that fish, log, and farm at great risk to life and limb are more realistic conservationists than anyone in the state legislature who is pushing for SB1530 to relieve their feelings of personal responsibility for climate change issues. SB 1530's supporters now want to increase fuel and manufacturing costs. This will affect every level of production and shipping. Guess who will pay for all the increases? The farmers who can't price themselves out of business (profit margin decrease) and the people who like to purchase food at grocery stores. Your rural constituents matter. We are responsible for feeding the country while trying to raise our kids like everyone else. We are contributing to the local economy and sustaining the land and water for generations to come. SB 1530 will hurt our world environment, state economy, and local community.

The current proposed legislation creates an unfair advantage for politically-connected corporations to avoid the tax. Cap & Trade will raise \$100s of millions in new revenue for the state without accountability or full disclosure - sections 4 through 31 of the bill are exempt from public records disclosure. Nothing should be exempt from public record! That just screams to the public that you are hiding something!

I live in a state where we have some of the toughest emission standards in the world. We incentivize green energy through grants and other subsidies. We promote environmentally sound farming, fishing, and forestry practices. We plant 30-40 MILLION trees per year which sequester even more carbon while also managing our state and private forests to mitigate forest fires. We have mandated fuel standards that are supposed to help in the fight against carbon. Your rural constituents have improved operations to conserve energy and water usage. Yet, you continue to create new forms of taxes, such as SB 1530. Our ability to use the natural resources in this state to their full potential to combat carbon have been squashed by a state government that has no connection to the land or environment. Eisenhower said it best: "Farming looks mighty easy when your plow is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the corn field."

As the smoke fills our state again this summer fueled due to strangulation of good forest management from our timber experts on federal lands, maybe we should look at federal land management practices. As you and your colleagues continue to pass laws to restrict and displace our ability to be stewards of our future existence, other parts of the world will produce our future needs with little to no regard to the future of our environment.

We cannot pick up the slack for the whole world any more than we already are. Cap and Trade will only serve to push businesses out of Oregon, good companies small and large that do everything they can to be efficient and responsible like good Oregonians do. They are already competing for your business with those outside our borders that do not have the environmental morals we do. When they are no longer able to compete people will still buy goods and services, only it will be at a higher price both to you and the environment.

Please oppose such drastic and dangerous legislation.

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