Dear Chair Dembrow,

My farming family opposes SB 1530. We live and work in the southern most part of the state on Oregon's coast. The cost to get goods and services for our greenhouse production already puts us at the tipping point of profit vs. loss with the transportation burden we experience from being in such an isolated location. It is no wonder that agricultural production has almost disappeared in this part of the state. Our primary products (wasabi and Christmas Trees) have to be shipped long distances to urban markets. The increase in fuel costs puts us at a greater disadvantage than farm operations located in other states and countries that we must compete with. We ship wasabi every week via Federal Express and UPS and already pay a premium for those shipping services due to our rural location. Increasing fuel costs will increase the rates we pay for shipping our products to urban centers such as San Francisco, Las Vegas, New York and Seattle and put us at a disadvantage in serving these markets.

Sincerely,

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