

Dear Chairman Dembrow and Committee Members,

We are writing to you expressing our opposition to SB1530. Our family business owns and cares for 150 acres of forestland in Oregon's coastal mountains. Our land produces clean water, wildlife habitat and recreation for our family; all funded by an income from producing renewable and sustainable forest products.

Our harvest, transportation and reforestation work is possible because of powered machinery driven by fossil fuels. Much has been done to improve the efficiency of machinery and that will continue. Maybe one day technology will allow this work to be powered with another form of energy. However that's not currently possible; all the wishing, hoping, regulatory pressure and rhetoric can't make it happen by waving a wand.

SB 1530 will hurt our business and handicap our goal to pass it along to the next generation. This bill will increase our costs and lower the value we receive when selling our logs. We operate in a global market competing with other states and countries producing wood products. We cannot raise our prices to recover our increased costs.

It's an irony that the State Legislature so thoughtlessly places economic impediments for those who actively sustain and improve our environment in their daily business of growing forests and food. The arrogance and condescension of SB1530 proponents, who assure us that if we are just a "bit smarter" to understand and trust their efforts to "renew" rural Oregon with funding gleaned from taxing our livelihood is insulting and degrading.

SB1530 is loaded with "goodies" for special interests and is certainly less than transparent. Passage of SB1530 is bad for Oregon's natural resource community and ultimately will harm our states' working people, rural and urban alike. Increased costs for all food and durable goods are a very inequitable trade-off for an over-reaching bureaucracy that will do little or nothing to reduce Oregon's carbon footprint.

Mr. Chairman, I know that you feel strongly in your support of SB1530 and have stated you believe rural concerns have been addressed. If the Governor has been truthful and the bill is about **carbon and not the tax**, SB1530 is the wrong means. If you are confident your job has been thorough, this is the best you can do on

carbon and our concerns are miss-placed; let all Oregonians have a say, debate it and let us all vote up or down on it!

Sincerely,

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