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Senator Dembrow,

I am a 5<sup>th</sup> generation Oregon farmer, working the same lands as 4 generations of my family. I am also a graduate of Oregon State University, having majored in Crop and Soil Science earning Suma Cum Laude honors. I oppose Cap and Trade, and believe this tax scheme will do nothing but hurt Oregon's industries and hard working families.

Though it claims otherwise, the limits of price-discrimination won't allow for Cap and Trade 2.0 to spare Rural-Oregon from the devastating effects that HB2020 promised. Fuel prices will go up, and it won't be limited "geographically" to communities of over 30,000 people. Even our fuel suppliers are saying this is unworkable legislation.

Being from Lebanon, my community--and so many communities like it--are reliant on industries like timber, farming, trucking, and manufacturing—ALL of which will suffer under Cap and Trade 2.0 despite the lies saying otherwise. Our hard working families can't survive without the quality jobs these industries provide, and neither can our state.

Farming is the easiest for me to point to and explain how these industries are already producing more while reducing their carbon foot print. Farmers have increased their productivity by 270% in the last 70 years, while inputs have stayed the same. We continue to innovate, work more efficiently, and take "resourcefulness" to new levels as we battle rising costs and the threat of non-existent profit margins.

Commodity markets are exceptionally vulnerable under tax-schemes like Cap and Trade because the added expenses can't be "passed on" to the consumer like in other industries. Our prices get dictated by global markets. New regulations put us at even more of a disadvantage for competing on a global scale, and threatening the the economic strength of billions of dollars in exports on a yearly basis thanks to Oregon's natural resource industries.

Ultimately, I have to question WHY. If this is truly about climate change, why cripple Oregon's natural resource industries which are our biggest asset in sequestering carbon? If this is about the environment, then why does Cap and Trade fail to do anything more than rake in more money by charging polluters? Why are we putting our communities' industry jobs at risk and passing this burden on to hard working families?

I don't think the argument of climate change has much at all to do with the environment, but everything to do with money and control. We all know the environment matters, and the

truth that Oregon's industries are already on the forefront of environmental consciousness. We know that we'll continue to do our part to adjust to even more environmentally friendly technologies as they become practical and economical incorporations into our industries and lives.

We can't allow the fear tactics being leveraged around "climate crisis" to drive Oregon to rash and expensive legislation which will bring Oregon's industry to its knees. We have to restore the value in what we do, and what we produce. Oregon can't survive without food or timber products. We can't survive without trucks to get our products to market. We can't survive without processing and manufacturing bringing economic strength to our state.

It's time we put OREGONIANS first. Not a political agenda that fails to serve the most basic needs of our people: jobs, food, and communities that aren't dying.

Please vote NO on Cap and Trade. Oregon deserves better.

Regards,

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