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To whom it may concern,

I live in Umatilla County in Eastern Oregon.

I have lived in Umatilla County for over 41 years and have paid taxes for that long.

I own a small business/just me /a flower design studio at my home.

I have a vehicle for business that I deliver flowers with. The vehicle I have has approximately 91,000 miles in the 3 years I have owned it. I get approximately 24 miles per gallon and deliver flowers usually within a 200 mile radius of my studio in Hermiston.

I have spent about \$11,375.00 in fuel for business in the last three years.

I am concerned about how the 'cap and trade bill' will affect me and my small business.

Living in rural Oregon I do not have the luxury of any other form of transportation.

The flowers I receive come to me from 180 miles away by a delivery van.

As a person who is 60 years old, I am concerned that the leaders from the western areas of the State of Oregon have no clue what this will do to me and my family.

I invite the Governor, House Speaker, or any other official to actually come walk in my shoes one day. I challenge you. How did you forget that you work for the people of Oregon ...ALL the people of Oregon. Not for special interest groups, corporations or large donors to your issues.

My son is a local farmer, his dream since he was a boy and he has made that dream a reality. He worked for a local farmer, started renting land to farm and eventually buying land to farm, live on and raise a family on. He put himself through community college, while farming and has worked hard to be a good steward of the land. I am worried about how this will impact him as well. Unless you actually walk in the shoes of the farmers you have no idea what the farmers are doing. Please stop telling them they are not good caretakers of the land they love. Please do not force them to go out of business with 'cap and trade' costs. Who will feed you when the farmers can't afford to farm any longer because of all of the rules, regulations and restrictions.

I appreciate all those who represent us in Eastern Oregon who are standing up for those who elected them.

None of them should be punished for representing their voters in the only way they can.

Sincerely,

Kris Bennett

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