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Dear Senators,

My name is Elizabeth Wilkinson from Lyons, Oregon.

I am asking that you vote NO on SB 1530 & other bills related to Cap & Trade.

This legislation would be devastating to my community as we are very logging & lumber mill centric. Our 2 local mills employ well over 800 local people from the North Santiam Canyon area. This does not include the private logging companies & log truck drivers who sell their goods & service to our mills. The fuel tax increases alone will drive up the prices of Oregon lumber products in an already lean & volatile lumber market. Inferior wood products from South America are already flooding the markets with lower cost, lower quality products. If sales drop due to higher prices, people will be laid off which will devastate our economically fragile community. This would then add a burden to unemployment, EBT, welfare, & OHP in Oregon.

As a citizen, taxpayer & constituent of Oregon, this bill is anticipated to raise my fuel prices by upwards of \$0.72@ gallon not to mention the increase of 13% for utilities in the first year. This will hit our economically disadvantaged area even harder as people will no longer be able to pay the increases, especially those who must commute from our area ~30+ miles to Salem for services & purchases.

Oregon can do better at combating the climate issue. Better forest management practice & planting more trees (which foresters do very well) is an excellent start. As new "green" technology becomes more readily available & affordable, our air & water will continue to become better.

Again, please vote NO on SB 1530 & other related Cap & Trade bills.

Thank you,
Elizabeth Wilkinson, Lyons, OR