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As a agricultural business in Salem Oregon for many generations, and stewards of the land, we plead with you to not pass the Cap and Trade bill.

As you push for more and more taxes to be imposed on Oregon business, you are pushing us out of business. The transportation industry is ready and willing to reduce their carbon emissions on their own, and I fully believe they will. We are all tired of Government telling us what to do and taxing their way through business to get it done. Pretty soon there won't be businesses left to tax.

The timber industry, Christmas tree farms, farmers and other agriculture business want nothing less that clean air and green fertile lands. You take these companies down with additional taxes and penalties, and the very people that sell their products both in and out of state won't be bringing any income in to our state. To be able to sell out our Oregon is critical for our economy, and getting other businesses to generate income to our state and businesses. Transporting our products out of state is very competitive as it is. To impose additional expenses on our transporters (and let's face it, the trickle down effect it will make on other businesses), only make our products more expensive and we will lose our customers to states that can supply lesser products, but at lower prices because they don't have as many taxes and their minimum wage is much less.

You all need to take a look at what is happening in our state. How many businesses have left to go to Idaho, Nevada, Arizona? How many of our community leaders (financially and philanthropic) have made these same states their residences to avoid our taxes (including estate tax)? You are losing the very people that make our state run. Do NOT continue to punish them more with your taxes and find the running out of Oregon!

Thank you for listening and please do the right thing to save Oregon business.