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Oregon Climate & Agriculture Network

Chair Dembrow, Vice-chair Olsen and Members of the Committee,

My name is Megan Kemple. I am testifying on behalf of the Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network, representing *over 250 agricultural stakeholders* including farms, ranches, vineyards and forest land owners from all parts of the state, *who want strong climate policy* and recognize that Oregon agriculture *is an essential* part of the solution to our changing climate.

Rural Oregon has many voices and Timber Unity does not represent all of them.

We strongly support SB 1530, Oregon's proposed Cap and Invest Policy.

Climate change exposes farms and crops to extreme weather, drought and wildfires.

- In Eastern Oregon in early 2017 extreme weather caused nearly \$100 million in damage to onion storage and packing facilities.
- In Southern Oregon in the summer of 2018 weeks of smoke meant extremely low sales at the farmers market, threatening the viability of farms in the Rogue Valley.
- Farmworkers in Oregon work in unsafe conditions including heavy smoke and extreme heat.

Cap and Invest is the most effective way for Oregon to cap its GHG emissions. Farms aren't regulated by the program, but they can benefit from the proceeds.

Revenue will be invested in projects in rural communities, which reduce and sequester greenhouse gas emissions and promote resiliency.

The policy includes significant financial incentives for agriculture including funding for climate friendly agricultural practices, such as:

- reducing energy use, through more energy efficient irrigation, for example;
- utilizing renewables, through installation of solar arrays and irrigation turbines that generate energy; and
- by adopting practices that sequester carbon in the soil, such as cover cropping or no till practices.

25 percent of the Climate Investments Fund will benefit **natural and working lands!** It will provide tens of millions of dollars each year to maintain healthy working forests, and support our state's farmers and ranchers. It will create new markets and value for the carbon sequestered in our forests and farms, while supporting the continued production of forest and agricultural products that anchor our state.

Significant changes have been made to the policy to address concerns. The new policy includes strong protections for rural communities, including key protections for rural transportation fuel costs.

Over 250 *agriculture stakeholders* including farms, ranches, vineyards and forest land owners from all parts of the state, have signed on to a letter in support of Oregon's proposed Cap and Invest policy. *And there are many more of them.* They want to see strong climate policy that recognizes Oregon agriculture as part of the solution. Their letter is attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Kemple". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Megan Kemple, Director
Oregon Climate and Agriculture Network (OrCAN)

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Governor Kate Brown, Senate President Peter Courtney, House Speaker Tina Kotek, and Members of the Oregon Legislature,

We, the farmers, ranchers, vintners, farm workers, forest workers, fishers, and other agricultural stakeholders of Oregon support strong climate policy.

We are observing dramatic changes in the climate, which we must address or lose our livelihoods. When climate change exposes our crops to extreme and unpredictable temperatures, our yields and economic security are threatened. Fires, extreme temperatures, droughts, and floods threaten our customer base, and lead to decreases in crop yields, soil erosion, infrastructure damage and disease/insect infestation. Farmworkers perform their duties in hot, strenuous or smoky conditions.

We urge your leadership in passing legislation that:

- puts a limit and price on greenhouse gas emissions,
- provides incentives for climate-friendly agricultural practices, and
- helps our communities prepare for the impacts of a changing climate.

Cap and Invest legislation is critical to ensuring that Oregon limits climate pollution and can provide resources to support agricultural practices that mitigate climate change and create resiliency in the face of climate change.

We support strong climate policy and ask our leaders in Salem to do the same.

Sincerely,

Spring Hill Farm, Albany
White Oak Organic Farm, Albany
Bois Joli Vineyard, Amity
Brooks Winery, Amity
Crawford Beck Winery, Amity
Keeler Estate Vineyard, Amity
Barking Moon Farm, Applegate
Ridgeline Meadows, Applegate
Ashland Food Co-op, Ashland
Agricultural Education Organization, Ashland
Bee Girl, Ashland
Bel Avenir Farm, Ashland
Green Bough Farm, Ashland
Hardy Seeds, Ashland
Lost Oak Ranch, Ashland
Rogue Valley Farm to School, Ashland
Some Kinda Wonderful Farm, Ashland
Standing Stone Brewing's Farm, Ashland
Willow-Witt Ranch, Ashland
Cascade Girl, Ashland
Spring Up Farm, Astoria
Sustaining Space Farm, Aumsville
Cooper Mountain Vineyards, Beaverton
Boundless Farmstead, Bend
Fields Farm, Bend
Five Kingdoms Farm, Bend
Radical Roots Farm, Bend
Windflower Farm, Bend
Volcano Veggies, Bend
Wintercreek Nursery, Bend
Horton Road Organics, Blachly
Full Cellar Farm, Boring
Morning Shade Farm and Nursery, Canby
Anne Amie Vineyards, Carlton
Lemelson Vineyards, Carlton
Soter Vineyards, Carlton
East Fork Cultivars, Cave Junction
Sweetwater Meadows, Cave Junction
Oodelally Farms, Central Point
Tikkun Olam Research/Teaching Farm, Central Pt.
Tanager Farm, Corbett
The Worthy Jacob Farm, Corbett
Blooming Junction Farm, Cornelius
Crooked Furrow Farm, Corvallis
Diane's Urban Farm Retreat, Corvallis
Dry Farming Institute, Corvallis
Joy Ridge Farm, Corvallis
Kith and Kin Farms, Corvallis
Bramily Ranch, Cottage Grove
Fern Hill Nursery, Cottage Grove
Moo Waddle Waddle Farm, Cottage Grove
Resilience Permaculture Design, Cottage Grove
Rainbow Orchards, Cove

My Brothers' Farm, Creswell
Archery Summit, Dayton
Palmer Creek Nursery, Dayton
Sokol Blosser, Dayton
Stoller Family Estate, Dayton
Sanctuary Produce Farm, Dallas
Volcano Ridge Vineyard, The Dalles
Circle h Farm, Dexter
Ruby and Amber's Organic Oasis, Dorena
Cameron Winery, Dundee
Lange Estate Winery, Dundee
Terrarossa Vineyard, Dundee
Winderlea Winery, Dundee
Trillium Forest Farm, Eagle Creek
Rosebud Llamas, Eagle Point
Brandborg Winery, Elkton
Elkton Reserve, Elkton
River's Edge Winery, Elkton
Rocking C Ranch, Elkton
Emerald Acre Fibre and Farm, Elmira
Regulus Associates, Elmira
ZD Farms, Estacada
Camas Swale Farm, Eugene
Cannassentials, Eugene
Early Owl Farm, Eugene
Farmers' Union, Inc., Eugene
Home Farm, Eugene
Honor Earth Farm LLC, Eugene
Hummingbird Wholesale, Eugene
Laughing Oaks Farm, Eugene
Little Wings Farm, Eugene
Living Earth Farm, Eugene
McKenzie Oaks, Eugene
Moondog's Farm, Eugene
River Bend Farm and Orchard, Eugene
Small is Beautiful, Eugene
Woolhenwood Farm, Eugene
Hyla Woods, Forest Grove
Gales Meadow Farm, Gales Creek
Hive Guy Apiaries, Gold Hill
Abbie Lane Farm, Gold River
Oshala Farm, Grants Pass
Rockin' Ewe Ranch, Grants Pass
Sun Spirit Farm, Grants Pass
Wild Roots Farm, Gresham
MC Farms, Hillsboro
Short Stock Farm, Hillsboro
Heart Catcher Wines, Hood River
Phelps Creek Vineyards, Hood River
Root and Cane Vineyard Svcs., Hood River
Jackson County Pomona Grange #27, Jackson Co.
Mountain Millworks, Jackson County
By George Farm, Jacksonville

Cowhorn Vineyard and Garden, Jacksonville
Klamath-Siskiyou Native Seeds, Jacksonville
Rogue Artisan Foods, Jacksonville
Salant Family Ranch, Jacksonville
Siskiyou Sustainable Co-op, Jacksonville
Wagon Trail Gardens, Jacksonville
Wolf Gulch Farm, Jacksonville
Yale Creek Ranch, Jacksonville
Dancing Rain Farms, Jefferson
Wild Child Herbs and Seeds, John Day
Backyard Gardens, Joseph
Magic Garden, Joseph
Deck Family Farm, Junction City
Grateful Harvest Farm, Junction City
Lonesome Whistle Farm, Junction City
The Bear and Maiden Farm, Junction City
Big Basin Ranch, Kimberly
Klamath Falls Farmers Market, Klamath Falls
Sweet Union Farm, Klamath Falls
Valley Flora, Langlois
Organic Redneck, Leaburg
Dolittle Pastures, Lebanon
Nourished with Nature, Lebanon
The Mushroomery, Lebanon
Fern's Edge Goat Dairy, Lowell
Lost Creek Farm, Marcola
Imperial Stock Ranch, Maupin
Constant Crush, McMinnville
Eyrie Vineyards, McMinnville
Kelley Fox Wines, McMinnville
Maysara Winery, McMinnville
Meredith Mitchell Vineyards, McMinnville
Momtazi Vineyards, McMinnville
Detweiler farm, Medford
Fry Family Farm, Medford
Northwest Forest Worker Center, Medford
Our Family Farms, Medford
Alexeli Vineyard & Winery, Molalla
Drizzlewood Farm, Molalla
Thomas Creek Farm, Molalla
Airlie Winery, Monmouth
Lucky Crow Farm, Monmouth
Analemma Wines, Mosier
Paradigm Farms LLC, Mosier
Campfire Farm, Mulino
Big Lick Farms, Myrtle Creek
Rising Moon Ranch, Myrtle Creek
Corvus Landing Farm, Neskowin
Neskowin Farmers Market, Neskowin
A to Z Wineworks, Newberg
Adelsheim, Newberg
Alexana Vineyards, Newberg
Chehalem Winery, Newberg

Clos Gallia Vineyard, Newberg
Domaine Divio Winery, Newberg
Nicolas-Jay, Newberg
VIDON Vineyard, Newberg
Meadow Harvest LLC, Nehalem
North Fork 53 Farm, Nehalem
R-evolutionary Gardens, Nehalem
Winter Green Farm, Noti
Triple Oak Vineyard, Oakland
Empowered Flowers, Oregon City
Moomaw Family Farm, Oregon City
Gerber Family Farm, Oregon City
Happy Apple Farm, Oregon City
Hymas Family Lamb, Phoenix
Verdant Phoenix Farm, Phoenix
Lumos Wine Company, Philomath
Cully Neighborhood Farm, Portland
Farmageddon Grower's Collective, Portland
Great River Farm, Portland
Honey River LLC, Portland
Independence Gardens, Portland
Lil' Starts, Portland
Middle Mountain Farm, Portland
Mudbone Grown, Portland
Naomi's Organic Farm Supply, Portland
Portland Ashwagandha Farm, Portland
Portland Seedhouse, Portland
Viola Wine Cellars, Portland
Zenger Farms, Portland
Crooked River Bison Ranch, Prineville
Prineville Lavender, Prineville
Timber Creek Farm, Redmond
Bethel Springs Farm, Rickreall
Farmers Table Grapes, Rickreall
Zena Forest Products, Rickreall
Bixby Farm, Riddle
Easy Valley Farm, Rogue River
Swallow Springs Farm, Rogue River
Black Dog Woods LLC, Roseburg
Linnea Marie Farms, Roseburg
Rosebud Farms, Roseburg
Bethel Heights Winery, Salem
Hope Well Wine, Salem
Minto Island Growers, Salem
Mahonia Vineyards and Nursery, Salem
Rumis Field Farm, Salem
Wisdom of the Elders Inc., Salem
Witte Farm, Salem
Wood Farm Supply, Salem
Zenith Vineyard, Salem
Scapoose Farmers Market, Scapoose
Red Hat Melons, Shedd
Carabella Vineyard, Sherwood

Ransom Spirits, Sheridan
The Roost, Sheridan
Yamhill River Farm, Sheridan
Olde Moon Farm, Silverton
Rainshadow Organics, Sisters
Seed to Table Farm, Sisters
A Peaceful Sanctuary, Springfield
Phoenix Farm, Springfield
Two Rivers Farm, Springfield
Bona Fide Farm, Stayton
Sublime Organics LLC, Sublimity
Adaptive Seeds, Sweet Home
PK Pastures, Sweet Home
Aurora Vines, Talent
Le Mera Gardens, Talent
Plant Oregon, Talent
Quail Run Vineyards, Talent
Upper Five Vineyard, Talent
Yahya Divine Elixirs, Talent
Sungrounded Farm, Terrebonne
Coyote Moon Farm, Tillamook
Dancing Roots Farm, Troutdale
Buffalo Peak Land and Livestock, Union
Bear Creek Gardens, Wallowa
Carman Ranch, Wallowa
Wallowa Local Food Project, Wallowa
Fog Hollow Farm, Walton
Shady Creek Forest Resources, Walton
Century Farm, White City
Mama Tee's Farm, Willamina
Dancing Bear Farm LLC, Williams
HiHoe Produce at Bluebird Farm, Williams
Naturespirit Herbs LLC, Williams
Siskiyou Seeds, Williams
White Oak Farm, Williams
Wild Rose Vineyard, Winston
Franchere Wine Company, Woodburn
Mossback Farm, Yamhill
Saffron Fields, Yamhill
Tonnelier Vineyards, Yamhill
The Yamhill Swinery, Yamhill
Hayhurst Valley Organic Farm, Yoncalla
Wilson Road Farm, Yoncalla
Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, Lane County
National Young Farmers Coalition, S. Willamette
Cultivate Oregon, State-wide
Oregon Climate and Ag. Network, State-wide
Oregon Organic Coalition, State-wide
Oregon Tilth, State-wide
Northwest Farmers Union, Pacific Northwest
Organically Grown Company, Pacific Northwest
Pacific Northwest Fibershed, Pacific Northwest
Sustainable Northwest, Pacific Northwest