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Dear Chair Dembrow,

Cap and trade will have a negative impact on my farm. We use roughly 10,000 gal per year and this will be quite costly. Oregon farmers already operate on very thin margins. Cap-and-trade will make us less competitive, and new CAT tax is already doing that! It takes energy to produce food and fiber, and this is a cost that families, like mine, cannot afford. The latest amendments penalize farmers and ranchers who live and work on the west side of the state by taxing their fuels in the first years of the program. This tax creates a competitive disadvantage among farmers across county lines. It's bad policy and will lead to economic hardship. I urge you to oppose SB 1530 and the -27 amendments. Oregon's farm and ranch families can't afford this policy. Thank you for listening to my concerns and voting "no" on HB 1530 this session.

Sincerely,

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