

February 7, 2020

Senator Dembrow, Chair
Senator Olsen, Vice Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Environment and natural Resources

Re: SB 1530 Opposition

Dear Chair Debrow, Vice Chair Olsen, and Committee Members:

We are fifth generation farmers in the state of Oregon, and our families have been great stewards of the land and our natural resources for generations.

SB 1530 with current amendments will be detrimental to our ability to farm and earn a living in the state of Oregon. Oregon is one of the cleanest states in the Union, and we have already done so much to preserve our natural resources. We believe this bill will have detrimental impacts on our ability to afford to live and operate in the state. It will also take away the power of Oregonians to have a voice in our government by putting much of our economy under the control of non-elected bureaucrats. Legislation this important to our state has no place in the short session, and should be presented for a vote by the people.

We urge you stand up for working Oregonians, to oppose SB 1530 as well as any other Cap & Trade legislation, and re-evaluate this type of legislation in the 2021 regular session when it can be worked on properly.

Sincerely,

Kyle & Mollie Fessler
Stewards of the land
Salem, Oregon