

Good Morning,

*I am writing you in order to ask that you vote no on SB 1530 (Cap and Trade) as it is currently written.*

*As a farmer in Clackamas County I have several issues with this bill. As a taxpayer in the state of Oregon I have even more.*

*I will keep this short as you no doubt have many emails to go through. I am deeply disturbed by recent discovery that farmers in Clackamas county will not be exempt from the excessive fuel taxes that farmers in other parts of the state are. This put us at a disadvantage to compete for sales when we will have much more input into the product we grow. Why should the fact that we live in a county close to Metro Portland cost us more money? I am a farm, I pay all of my license fees to the state for the job that I do. I should be treated the same way as any other farmer in this state. Even though I am talking about the unfairness of that portion of this bill do not get me wrong. I am in no way supporting this bill. It is wrong. It is destructive and will cause many farms and natural resource related jobs to be lost in this state. These are jobs that are filled by people who care for the environment and already do what they can for the environment.*

*A better way to help the environment would be to create incentives for those people who work in the industry to come up with better ways to do their work and new innovations for the machinery and tools that we use. Causing us to be on the brink of bankruptcy does not give us the freedom to find a better way. And no, I do not believe the state when they say they will help the communities affected. Time has shown what the state says and what the state does is 2 different things.*

*Every Oregonian should be extremely concerned over any bill that locks us into financial obligations for years with no recourse should things go awry. Even more so when the details of those obligations are hidden from public records and we are given no say into whether or not we should even enter into these deals. Make no mistake, we are all aware that you are driving towards a goal and the will of the people of Oregon have little impact in your decision making. Why should any dealings with the state be hidden from the people of the state. This bill should be written so that all of the dealings in this bill, the true costs, the future obligations, the people who are involved are all made available to the public. As well as taxes paid by the people who stand to make millions off of this bill.*

*At the very least I would ask that you allow the people of Oregon to vote on this bill by removing the emergency clause. If this is such an emergency why does implementation finally come about in 30 years. A bill that causes such massive growth and overreach of unelected officials also deserves to be voted on by the people of the state. This impacts every person in this state and the people of the state deserve a vote.*

*It saddens me as I write this that to know as I do so I am talking to a brick wall. As I have watched this bill work it's way through, listened to the public comments and watched you in the committee listen to those comments it is painfully clear that you do not care. You have an objective and you intend to see that objective through to the end. No amount of public testimony will be able to dissuade you from this course. That is why I would ask again that at the very least you put this to a public vote. Let the people of Oregon have their say. This is our state. This is our way of life. We deserve to have a voice.*

*Do not turn our once great state into another California.*

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