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Hello Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee,

My name is Kristen Hutchins and I live in a small community in Central Oregon. I have major concerns about the new cap and trade bill (LC19). We are a family of 5 raising 3 young boys, this bill would greatly impact our way of living. Currently I am a stay at home mom while my husband has a full time job. We make ends meet and provide what we need for our family without government assistance, for now.

Our home is heated by natural gas, we have to drive further to grocery stores and department store for necessities, our grocery store food is also trucked further. All these things will cost our family more if this bill goes through. Our already tight budget will get even tighter, it's challenging as it is already to feed and cloth our boys. Prices for everything are going to go up not just the fuel to go places but the cost of the items as well. We the consumer are going to brunt all the cost of this bill!

This bill will impact the middle rural class the most and our pockets aren't deep enough to absorb the cost of increased fuel, heating or another necessity. We have already seen the effects of the Oregon CAT Tax. It's being passed onto the consumer. Our local parts stores are adding it to our bill and making us pay for it!!!

I ask you to throw out this flawed bill that doesn't consider my community and the rural areas of Oregon. It will only hurt our economy and our way of life. None of us in rural Oregon wish to move to the big city. We live where we do because we love our way of life and wish not to be penalized for it!

Thank you for your time,

Kristen Hutchins
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