

I have read some of the information regarding the carbon taxing. We are a small farm producing grass-fed beef and lamb. I am concerned the proposed gas tax will have a big impact on our business. Rural business and residents do not have access to public transportation to get to work or markets for their products. Trucking to move product or receive supplies is more expensive than for urban or I-5 corridor business already.

I think the legislation should be adjusted to make the impact of a Gas Tax less punishing on rural areas. Agriculture is already pushed to the outskirts of population areas; where transportation and housing schools and medical services are limited. Agriculture needs support from the people we feed.

Remember: no farms and farm employees = no food. Choosing to work in agriculture is becoming less and less a "good" career choice all the time.

I definitely oppose the creation of another government agency. The DEQ and the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture should both be able to manage the climate protection we need.

Requiring flex fuel vehicles and requiring ethanol fuel to be available at gas stations could easily and quickly have an effect on carbon.

Thank you for your work and concern for the climate so important to agriculture and all our food.

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