

As an employee of the Georgia-Pacific Wauna mill in Clatsop County, I'm proud that my company values our environment, our community and our health. We are an energy efficient green mill that utilizes state-of-the-art control technologies. Our energy is generated from hydro, biomass, and natural gas.

To ensure continued economic stability in our community, it's vital for business to operate in a fair regulatory environment. A cap and trade program would do just the opposite by driving employers out of state to seek less burdensome regulatory conditions elsewhere.

In Oregon, generally speaking, fiber supply and energy costs are higher than other states that we compete with in the pulp and paper industry. Production can shift internally from mill to mill across the U.S. so if a mill decreases its production another mill outside of Oregon will pick up the work.

One of the few competitive advantages the Wauna mill has is our pulp mill. However, any increased costs placed on the pulp mill, like cap and trade, will put the Wauna mill at a competitive disadvantage to paper mills in other states.

House Bill 2020 puts Oregon mills at a competitive disadvantage. Please oppose cap and trade and vote for Oregon jobs. Thank you.

Very Respectfully,

Mike Burghardt