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 SB 1530

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Chairman Dembrow and Senate Committee,

I am a farmer located out of Molalla Oregon. I am strongly opposed to SB 1530 as it now stands. During this short session there is not enough time to go through this bill, all of the amendments and have an honest discussion about its shortfalls and the impact that this bill will have on our communities. A bill this far reaching and all encompassing needs more time and discussion and work before it is voted on. It is not something to be pushed through on a fast timeline.

As a small farmer, I have great concerns as to the cost that this bill will put upon my small family farm. The increase in fuel costs will be a burden to my farm in itself, not to mention the added costs for all the supplies that are needed on my farm. My product is not one that I can easily set a price on. We are directly at the mercy of the area markets and operate on a very slim margin. Any more burdens put upon my farm makes the possibility of me to be able to continue on at a very great risk. This is a farm that I have worked hard on and had plans to be able to turn it over to my children and grandchildren to continue on.

But even more concerning to me in this bill is a lack of accountability and a lack of transparency. From everything that I have read on this bill there is a large area that is ripe for corruption and wrong doing. There should never be a time when our government hides from the public what it does, who is profiting from what it does and who is involved.

There is a huge increase in government both for the implementation of this bill and overreach of government. Every year our government grows and becomes a larger and larger entity that takes more and more from the people of this state. And it is especially frightening to me that as a group, the legislature puts an emergency clause on this and many other bills and take away all say of the people of this state.

As a farmer I am very aware of the changes in our environment. And as a farmer I consider it my job to take care of my environment and I do so on a daily basis. I feel it is very important to take care of our environment.

The way that you are going about it with this bill does nothing to truly mitigate our carbon emissions. It is simply a money changing and charging scheme that will hurt our state's economy.

There are better ways to help our climate through incentives to come up with better technology. To work in our natural areas to revitalize our timber grounds so that they sequester even more carbon and lessen the chance of catastrophic fires. But even if the state were to fully implement this bill, it would have little impact on our overall climate. We could have a much greater impact through innovation that can be outsourced to other places. The harm this bill causes to much of our state will do nothing to help move us forward.

Please don't follow in the failed footsteps of California and make the same mistakes that they have. We as a state can do much better without doing irreparable harm to our rural families and businesses.

Please do not pass this flawed bill without proper time, due diligence and a vote of the people. A fast push in a 35 day session is not the way to implement something this big and far reaching as this bill.

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