

Chair Senator Michael Dembrow  
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resource  
State Capitol  
900 Court Street NE  
Salem, OR 97301

Re: opposition to SB 1530

Senator Dembrow and Committee Members,

I am the fifth generation to steward my family's Century Farm in rural Azalea, Oregon, and I wholeheartedly oppose SB 1530. My wife and I raise sheep, vegetables and timber on land that has been in my family since the 1800's.

In 2019 we used 1892 gallons of gasoline and un-dyed diesel, and 482 gallons of dyed diesel. If SB 1530 passes we can expect to spend an additional \$522 annually in 2022, and more in subsequent years. As a small family farmer I operate on a thin margin, and the prospect of increased costs to me with no appreciable affect on worldwide greenhouse gas emission galls me.

In addition to these increased costs in fuel alone, we can expect an increase in the cost of goods we purchase to operate our household and our farm. The businesses that we purchase feed, fencing, veterinary medicine, food and clothing will also face increasing costs in the transportation of goods, and if they are to continue in business they will certainly pass those costs along to consumers.

Our local farmers' Co-operative from which we purchase the bulk of our farming supplies from stated in its most recent member newsletter that they are already seeing increased costs from the Corporate Activity Tax, and they will have to pass those along to its patrons. How can you expect the increase in transportation cost as a result of the passage of SB 1530 to be any different.

Living in the rural part of Douglas County that we do we do not have the option of using public transportation to conduct our livelihood. While there is local public transportation that passes by our house, only come twice a day, early in the morning and in the evening. I think it highly unlikely that the bus would accommodate an ill sheep to be transported to a veterinarian in Roseburg, or haul 50 t-posts home from the farmers' co-operative to build fence with. We are dependent on our own vehicles to conduct daily life, and cannot escape the anticipated increased costs.

I urge you to not pass SB1530.

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