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Dear Senators,

There are many things in our state and communities that are emergencies. Climate is not one of them. Additional taxes will not change the weather or the climate. Carbon production per-capita has been declining for over 2 decades in our state. Taxes and regulations will not reduce the total amount of carbon produced in a given area. It is simple math and science. The more people the more carbon emissions produced. Plants consume the carbon dioxide that humans produce. They store the carbon in their cells and return the oxygen to the atmosphere. More houses and more people equals more carbon. If this bill were to pass it would be crippling to many Oregonians. Farmers, Ranchers, and Foresters in particular. These are the people that are sequestering the carbon that is produced largely in the urban areas.

My wife Anna and I operate a 120 cow dairy in Washington county. Our milk is shipped to Darigold in Portland. Since 1950 the number of cows in the United States has declined by over 60%. In the same time period the amount of milk produced in this country has increased by more than 60%. The carbon footprint of a glass of milk has decreased by 2/3 in the last 70 years.

Please do not pass this bill or any others like it. I do not see a single portion of the bill that will benefit our rural communities.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

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