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To: Our state senator and representative Peter Courtney

From: Van's Nursery, Inc.

Re: Cap-and-trade Bill, Senate Bill 1530

Good Morning Mr. Courtney,

We own and operate Van's Nursery, Inc. located on Brooklake Rd NE in Salem. We are a wholesale nursery, specializing in container grown plant material. We ship our product throughout the state as well as to Washington and California.

We are writing to urge you to oppose Senate bill 1530 as it is currently written, because we have serious concerns about the impact on our business.

The Legislature has already added costs to our business through the minimum wage hike, paid sick leave, paid family leave, increased business and gas taxes. We can't afford to upgrade fast enough to avoid the cost increases imposed by SB 1530. It will also make the nurseries regulated entities, which means that we will have to fill out yet more paperwork (at our expense) to get rate relief on natural gas and SB 1530 does nothing to improve already existing problems in the transportation sector.

Please consider voting NO on SB 1530, to preserve Oregon's largest agricultural sector, the nursery industry.

Sincerely, 

Robert van Klaveren, President & Owner of Van's Nursery, Inc.