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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: Oppose Costly Cap-and-Trade in SB 1530
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Dear Chair Dembrow,

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Please oppose SB 1530, Cap and Trade is not good for the Oregon economy.

As a farmer in rural Oregon I am feeling the cost of the CAT already. When I testified that it would harm our farming family even though we personally should not have to pay the tax. I was told that I was wrong about how the tax could be passed on to our farm operations. Well we are having to pay a fee on parts, supplies and repairs to cover the CAT.

We will be paying thousands of dollars more just for CAT on a very thin margin. A new tax on energy could cause our 3 generation farm to no longer stay in business. This is not good for us or any business in Oregon. SB 1530 will also be hard on low income families, senior citizens, and young people trying to get started.

Many people changed their heating to clean natural gas; now it will be taxed progressively until they no longer can afford to heat their homes. Taxing to change energy use will stifle our economy. Taxing energy will increase poverty. Taxing energy will stop economic growth.

As a farming family we want to stay farming in Oregon, but we cannot afford all the new taxes and regulations the legislators keep adding on to our family farm.

Please understand that we need you to oppose SB 1530.

Thank you, Janice Flegel

Sincerely,

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