Dear Chair Dembrow,

I'm not a farmer or a rancher but I live in rural Oregon. My livelihood depends on the success and monetary rewards of their profitable crops. SB 1530 literally takes food out of their family's mouths as well as mine by way of more taxes on fuel. The latest amendments penalize farmers and ranchers who live and work on the west side of the state by taxing their fuels in the first years of the program. This tax creates a competitive disadvantage among farmers across county lines and throughout our great state. It's bad policy and will lead to economic hardship which trickle down to monetary losses for businesses like the one I work for. If the farming and ranching citizens of my community cannot make enough money to support the own family's then they won't be able to afford to frequent other businesses in the community. We depend on their success to support our family's.

I urge you to oppose SB 1530 and the -27 amendments. Oregon's farm and ranch families can't afford this policy and neither can the rest of us.

Thank you for listening to my concerns and voting "no" on HB 1530 this session.

Sincerely,

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