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Dear Senate Committee on Natural Resources and Environment,

I am a 6th generation Oregonian and farm daughter coming from a family owned and operated grass seed farm outside of Silverton Oregon that was started by my great-great grandfather in 1877. We have been stewards of the land for many generations and continue to promote farming practices and research that help conserve and sequester carbon. We have already been subject to new forms of tax, CAT, and mandatory fuel efficiency and pollution upgrades on equipment to comply with government regulations. We are already doing everything we can to be environmentally friendly, we grow crops and plant trees that help offset carbon. We don't need an added tax to do these things as we are already being capped and traded by increased regulations, mandated fuel standards and new forms of sales tax. We have lost the ability to use natural resources to their full potential to combat carbon by a state government that has no connection to the land or environment. Please don't make this worse by passing more cap and trade regulations.

I ask that you seriously consider the livelihood of Oregon small businesses, farmers, ranchers, loggers, and fishermen who are already stewards of the land when making bills that negatively impact the entire Oregon population in order to generate revenue for an unknown slush fund. Oregon can't afford another gas tax. This bill is not ready to be pushed through and the Oregon people deserve a vote. If you won't kill the bill, please take the time to fully debate the issues in a long session. If passed, this will do more harm than good and many family businesses that have been in Oregon for generations, like my family farm, will be put out of business by the high taxation demands and regulation of government over reach.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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