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Sen Dembrow and Members of the Committee:

As a Owner of a small family farm in Silverton, Oregon I wanted to write in opposition to SB1530. I very much care for are environment and have taken many steps in our operation to do so. I have also been witness to legislation that has been coming out of Salem for the last several years that has decimated my ability to be profitable and enjoy farming as I used to. I am unable to afford hiring people with the experience I need due to the cost and the seasonality of our business. I spend more and more of my time in the office trying to meet new regulatory mandates that did not exist 10 years ago which keeps me from my passion of farming. If this bill passes it takes away the uncertainty of my future as a farmer as if the CAT tax hasn't already done so. Why does this need to be rushed as Oregon is already far above other parts of the world and is a shining star. As we look for solutions I have noticed a list of several large corporations supporting this legislation. I suggest we start a pilot program on a voluntary base and let Microsoft, Nike and all the other supporters be the leaders in showing us how Cap and Trade would work before we force the small working class businesses to comply. I do not support SB1530!

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