To the Oregon Legislature,

As a voting member of the state of Oregon, I am surprised that the legislature is even considering SB 1530 without a public vote. This bill effects so many people and their livelihoods, that no one small group should be deciding the fate of the proposed Cap and Trade Legislation.

Many of my family and friends are in farming, ranching and logging businesses. They work long, hard hours to provide the food and materials we all enjoy as a part of modern life. Every one of them I consider to be environmentalists due to their concern and care for the environmental health in and around their enterprises.

I am dubious that the drastic expenses that will be imposed on your hardest working constituents will even benefit the environment. Time, effort and taxpayer money would be better spent on educating, assisting and changing people's habits to reduce carbon emissions.

So many Oregonians are concerned about SB 1530...please do not force this proposed measure to be accepted or completed quickly.

Thank you,

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