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Re: SB1530

Greetings, Chairman Dembrow and committee members

I am Wesley Clair Miller. I am a lifelong farmer and tree farmer in Benton County. Our crops include Douglas fir and red alder for fiber and lumber for construction; grass seed, peppermint oil, also hay and grains for our beef cattle. I'm currently the Benton County Farm Bureau President. **THIS ISSUE HAS MUCH THE SAME IMPACT ON MOST FARMERS, INCLUDING OUR MEMBERS, IN ALL COUNTIES IN OREGON.**

I implore you to table this bill for the following reasons:

1—it is **TOO LONG AND TECHNICAL AND** apparently **PARTIALLY CONCEALED FROM** most Oregonians to be **THOUGHTFULLY** read and considered during this short Legislative session

2— It puts the major burden on rural Oregonians who, because of where we live and work, have far longer distances to travel than the average.

3—Phasing in the **FULL BURDEN** of the fuel cost increase on our rural areas appears to as an **INSULT** to many rural people. Are we supposed to **PRETEND** spreading the **COST INCREASE** over 3-5 years is **NEVER GOING TO COME???** A city resident might wait 30 minutes for their favorite tv show to play. Oregon tree farmers work and plan ahead about 30 **YEARS** for the harvest. Yes, it's only a few percent of cost increase each year—**BUT** tree-growing costs compound with **NO** income for 30 years or so. Thus, with this extra cost, **ANY CHANCE OF EARNING** some net income from your trees will **EVAPORATE!!!**

4—Based on my research as a Master of Science in Biological and Ecological Engineering, **EVERY** acre of the 230 acres of our tree farm sequesters about a thousand pounds of carbon every year. I feel like we are getting the big stick and **NONE OF THE CARROT** for what we are doing and **HAVE DONE** for the environment.

FINALLY — At the least, this new tax should go to the voters who will be compelled to pay it. Our American revolution was fought over taxation without representation—**WE DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT THAT WAR AGAIN!!!**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

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