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Senator Dembrow & Members of the Committee:

We are strongly opposed to SB1530, Cap & Trade. Our farming operation was formed in 1950 and we have been caring for the land we farm for all these years. We have hired many people through those seventy years that directly put money back into the Oregon economy.

One of the big advantages grass seed farming has for the state is that ten to eleven months out of the year we have green grass growing that takes in carbon, not to mention the timber industry that does some of the same in a very big way.

With the CAT tax on top of all the new implemented fees for our DMV, OWRD, and many more, this Cap and Trade bill will do nothing but charge the Oregon residents and will not clean our air any more than we are doing now. It will just put money in the government and do nothing but handicap two of the biggest industries in Oregon –Agriculture and Timber. I am not sure how much more we can take before we give up.

We are a Goods Production Business and have no way to add this to the price of our goods. The prices are not set by us. We also provide goods and not services which is what our state will become if these taxes continue to be pushed on us. Service Economy Businesses can tack on this charge to their invoicing and hide the cost.

I describe these taxes as follows: We have a baseball team that we have coached for seventy years and now we are to play without a mitt, and our hands tied behind our back.

As a farmer, I am feeling less and less appreciated for all the HARD work we do to feed each of you. The least you could do is to let the voters of Oregon decide on this tax.

Thank you,

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