

Dear Chair Dembrow,

I am a farmer in Marion County. You think you are being generous by giving eastern Oregon farms a 'break' in your bill, but my family gets to take a hit. NOBODY should be getting taxed by HB1530.

HB1530 is not about reducing carbon use, it is about raking in revenue. There are many good ideas about how to reduce our carbon footprint, that don't raise taxes on Oregonians. You don't want to take any of those measures, because they don't raise revenue.

Did you know that per capita, Oregon has 20% fewer carbon emissions now than in 1990? And there are more people than in 1990. The citizens of Oregon are doing a good job already, you want an excuse to tax us.

I saw interviews from some small scale farmers, saying the rest of farmers should get on board with HB1530, because it offers us a lot of protections. Thank goodness I am not drinking the same Kool Aid.

Your math doesn't pencil out, and neither does your agenda. Please, do the right thing and stop supporting Cap and Tax. Being like California isn't cool. People are fleeing that state, one of them started working for us last August.

The CAT tax burden is already visible to Oregon farmers. There is a line item on my Pape Machinery invoice accounting for CAT. I am already paying the tax, long before the bill for my own farm comes due. And then we will get the bill from HB1530.

If your end goal is carbon use reduction, HB1530 will not accomplish that. Other cap and trade plans have not worked, and you are not looking at the evidence. You want money.

Sincerely,

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