

My name is Nancy Mauter

I live in Linn County

I own 15 acres of timber property

My husband and I have worked very hard in our forest over the past 25 yrs to have a healthy forest . We are now seeing drought stress due to our longer, dryer summers in our pines and Douglas fir and fear we will be losing our investment in our trees.

There will be no compensation for our dying trees.

Continued burning of fossil fuels as in a business as usual scenario will cause very severe and lifestyle disruption costing Oregon taxpayers millions .

Our farmers and ranchers and tree farmers will be facing even more issues as our climate continues to change .

Our weather patterns are changing, the consensus on climate is well documented. Every day we delay it will make farming or growing profitable trees more difficult .

Strong climate legislation will also have a price tag but hopefully our legislators will see that putting a price on carbon pollution and putting the revenues back into our communities, now makes economic sense.

We all have to shoulder the burden .

If this issue goes before the voters, big money from oil companies and other opposers of cap and trade will flood this state with confusing and misinformation. It has happened in other states. And it will happen here. Please don't do that to Oregon.

Thank you all for your efforts to bring good legislation that will reduce our carbon footprint and help rural communities in Oregon.

Nancy Mauter