

## Committee on Energy and Environment

RE: SB 748 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions

I speak against SB 748. This carbon pollution permit program does nothing to protect our environment and has everything to do with scamming Oregonians. When you have companies charged a permit fee it boils down to a money making game. This is simply a non-transparent form of taxation that is passed to consumers. The Climate Investments Account, Climate Assistant Fund and Just Transition Fund are simply 'redistribution of wealth' and has very little to do with reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

I recognize there are air pollution issues, but greenhouse gas emissions is a narrow minded approach to the problem. It is time that legislators understand the climate change agenda was created to destroy US capitalism, admitted by the UN Executive Secretary. Further, Physics Professor William Happer has proven that CO<sub>2</sub> is not a 'warmer' of climate or a pollutant and models have been adjusted to suppress that fact. We are erroneously paying attention to CO<sub>2</sub> and ignoring real man-made air pollutants that can be controlled. He further proves that we are seeing the most strong vegetation growth in history. He suggests that reforestation will reduce CO<sub>2</sub> more than anything, thus invasive weeds are out of control needing more state funding to control. However, being proactive in other areas seems to be ignored since it won't bring in the dollars that you're really looking for.

It's time to be honest with Oregonians about the science and the solutions.

Emission limits have a profound effect on business production that will be passed to consumers. It's time you take off your blinders to how the emission programs are a mechanism to control and tax the public and has no value towards improving our environment or our economy.

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