

Oregon Legislators,

Most can agree that there are changing climate conditions across our landscape however, the science as to the causes isn't "settled" as some would have us believe.

Once again, the Oregon's legislators of the majority party are following in the costly and unnecessary footsteps of our neighboring state of California with the proposal of HB 2020. Just look at the issues California is dealing with as a result of their policies and regulations impacting their residents, businesses and industries and how their issues trickle into the lives of all Oregonians.

Government must get out of the business of picking winners and losers in our society as it has been demonstrated over and over they aren't very good at it. Whose to say that that the current alternative energy sources being promoted are best for our environment, economy, health, and way of life. Let look at solar and the environmental impacts, etc. Look at the toxic waste produce in the making of these panels, how does this affect our water sources? What about the large footprint on our landscape and its effects on our wildlife, etc. What about the longevity of the solar panels currently being manufactured?

It is also pretty clear that HB 2020 is not going to make a difference on a national or global basis. Oregon contributes less than one-sixth of one percent of emissions.

Lets not forget that businesses and industries are already taking actions to lower their carbon footprints. In addition, other legislation has been passed.

We must be concern with the overall cost of living within Oregon to achieve a possible minute benefit on air quality. There will be an increase in cost on many essential items such as food, heating fuel, transportation costs. There will also be an increase in poverty and homeless rates in which the state is already struggling to deal with. Much of this is due to unnecessary policies and regulations that makes someone feel good but causes many more problems.

Oregon is blessed to have an environment that will treat carbon emissions on its own if only, we can get back to active forest management on private state, and federal system lands.

Lets get back to representing the people and reducing legislative impacts on our quality of life and not pass such an unnecessary bill such as HB 2020.

Sincerely,

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