

Joint Carbon Reduction Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

This bill as it reads is another detrimental blow to Eastern Oregon. It is so unfair to the reality of our needs in this area where we have to travel long distances for medical and other needs. How does that alone protect our economy? It doesn't. Large industrial business's are few and far between out here. They are extremely hard to locate out here for a number of reasons. This bill will only tighten the noose and threaten those we do have. In Harney County alone, we have been without any manufacturing industry for over 10 years .... If this bill should pass as written ... we may never land a true manufacturing industry again. Lord knows we have tried. Our farming and ranching business that we do have and hold dearly will also be harmed substantially from this action.

Oregon is already considered to be a non-business friendly State .... This policy won't even get us to the point of being friendly or not. We have one very business friendly State right next door in Idaho. We are already experiencing the reality of that on the east side of Oregon.

Where are the guarantees that increased taxes at the pump will come back to us for protection against forest fires and drought, the two natural disasters we face continually out east. Where?

Please do not further the Western/Eastern divide in the Great State of Oregon.

Sincerely,  
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