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**PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE
ON CARBON REDUCTION**

Members of the Committee, HB2020 is a crime in the making. It is the legislature waging economic war on the people and producers of Oregon, a clear and present danger to economic stability, and a clear violation of your fiduciary duty and obligation to protect us based upon concern for our health, safety, and welfare.

This bill punitively drives up energy costs, the cost of living, working, heating, cooling, eating, shipping, driving, farming, working, healing, even dying. Every part of our lives touched by HB2020's diseased tentacles is harmed, with NO net benefit. A typical family has 1500 dollars a year or more sucked out of its life and handed to the Oregon Climate Czar - And for what? The Director of OSU's Climate Change Research Institute says a cap and trade program in Oregon would do almost **nothing** to impact global climate change.

The bill is unfair and corrupt. Take Section 11, a gift for Intel in wealthy, politically powerful Multnomah County. Intel's greenhouse gases aren't restricted. Contrast that with our disadvantaged area in southern Oregon. Harry and David, Amy's Kitchen, Lithia, Knife River, other construction companies and producers using natural gas are harmed. Thousands of jobs depend on companies like these, but their costs of production will soar, their competitive advantage destroyed. But Intel gets a sweet deal. Who do WE have to pay off to get the "sweet deal"?

It is a crime to trash our lives and businesses with this bill in the false belief the “green” jobs created are greater than the **REAL** jobs and lives destroyed.

In conclusion, we have bottom of the barrel schools, massive homelessness, PERS teetering on bankruptcy, and one of the highest costs of living. And this cap and trade scheme, another financial burden on us, is YOUR PRIORITY? **Shame on You!**

This bill is a preposterous road to ruin in the name of Sustainable Development, based on the unproven concept that carbon dioxide, a byproduct of life itself, is somehow a danger to that life. Resist the siren song of the fraudsters. Do your obligation and duty, protect the people, Withdraw HB2020 from consideration.

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Let me start by saying I'm an environmentalist, and that everyone here who wants clean air and water is also an environmentalist. Of course, the main pollution we suffer today in our environment is unchecked forest fires engendered in part by faulty environmental policy, which has also crept into faulty long term agenda based policy decisions influenced through the state's Roadmap to 2020, Vision 2050, and so on.

I want folks to understand that your policy direction isn't law. Your legislative policy of adhering to and taking an environmental stance in the takeover and control of the states economy through HB 2020 is illegitimate. As a citizen/producer I do not consent to the state pursuing radical environmentalism in the economic sector as a byproduct of implementing Sustainable Development policy. 1000 Friends of Oregon isn't my stakeholder, Southern Oregon Climate Action Now is not my stakeholder, nor is Oregon Wild and a myriad of "gang green" consensus groups.

This is a legislative information gathering meeting, but any use of the policy consensus stakeholder input process here, if used, is a fraud. This isn't a dispute resolution. The input required by the law of the state of Oregon is to be that of the people. I respectfully demand that you consider actual statements of citizens of the State of Oregon, and not the fraudulent voices of manufactured stakeholder consensus from the radical environmental activists that wish to "transform" our economy, with no verifiable successful test case, and the potential of nothing but punitive harms forced upon the citizens of Jackson County as well as the entire State of Oregon . This issue is critically important as much of our current policy direction has been brought forth via the stakeholder groups especially selected for your pre-determined outcome of implementing "Sustainable Development".

Let me explain that HB 2020 as written is a clear and present danger to the economic stability of the State of Oregon as well as a clear violation of your

fiduciary duty and obligation to protect citizens based upon concern for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens.

As to the rest of your faulty legislative agenda, I would add that we are not demanding a “climate fix” that has no net benefit to the citizens of the State of Oregon. These schemes of artifice born from the sustainable development-addled technocrats in the legislature and administration have no real foundation or place within the Laws of the United States or laws of the State of Oregon. We are demanding the full withdrawal of this legislation to ensure peaceful life, commerce, and the absence of the potential punitive harms that would decimate the economy.

So in summary, I respectfully demand that this Legislative Committee immediately “Cease And Desist” all action and consideration of HB 2020, and stop the state policy of implementing the “voluntary” executive orders that advance Sustainable Development. This isn’t a conspiracy theory, its concepts are all contained in state documents - For example, this from the “Interim Roadmap to 2020” report:

“In 2010 the Oregon Global Warming Commission is undertaking a “Roadmap to 2020” Project that will offer recommendations for how Oregon can meet its 2020 greenhouse gas reduction goal (“10% below 1990 levels”), get a head start toward its 2050 goal (“at least 75% below 1990 levels”), and build a prosperous, clean-energy-based 21st century state economy.”

This is a preposterous road map to economic ruin in the name of Sustainable Development, based on the unproven concept that carbon dioxide, a byproduct of life itself on the planet, is somehow a danger to that life.

In conclusion, I demand you cease any plans, legislative or administrative, for implementing an evil carbon tax, or low carbon fuel standards, mileage tracking and taxing schemes, road diets, and any further implementation of sustainable development.

Thank You.