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Speaker of the House & President of the Senate:

SUBJECT: Letter Against HB 2020 – “Cap & Trade”

Dear Senator Bentz:

I am writing to share my opposition to House Bill 2020.

I am very involved in our community. I am the President of our Chamber of Commerce and the Treasurer of the Nyssa Nite Rodeo Board. I have two small business that service all small businesses. My Simpli Balanced business works with small businesses preparing their financial information for monthly, quarterly, and annual reporting including tax prep.

If this bill were to pass it would be devastating for these businesses and our whole community. I can't think of one business that would not suffer from HB 2020. We are on the Oregon Idaho border and lose many new business opportunities in town to our Idaho neighbors with less involved government, regulation and fees. I agree with the letters submitted by Bill Harvey, Chair Baker County Commission and Eastern Oregon Counties Association.

- **The damage the price increases contained in HB 2020 will do to service (gas) station sales in Malheur County because we are so close to Idaho.**
 - The current version of HB 2020 would increase gasoline and diesel by as much or more than 15 cents per gallon on January 1st, 2021 and increase further by at least 5% plus inflation each year.
 - This increase would be in addition to the current 5 cents per gallon increase you are already paying due to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, which is estimated to go up to 25 cents per gallon by 2025.
- **The damage these price increases will have on natural gas heating costs in Malheur County (both business and residential).**
 - Northwest Natural Gas estimates that under HB 2020, residential natural gas costs will increase 11% in 2021, 13% for small businesses, and 28% for industrial sales. By 2040, they estimate HB 2020 will increase residential sales by 53% over today's prices, 60% for small businesses, and 117% for industrial sales.
- **The damage these price increases will have on propane sales in Oregon.**
 - Blue Star propane, a company that does business in California, is forecasting a 14 cents per gallon increase due to the cap and trade law in California, which is extremely similar to the one in Oregon. Thus, Oregon propane dealers are

assuming at least a 14 cents per gallon increase in propane costs with costs going up from there.

- **The damage these price increases will bring to consumers in Malheur County who buy large quantities of gasoline, diesel, propane, and natural gas.**
- **The damage to Oregon's low carbon goals (Oregon's fuel is lower in carbon than that found in Idaho) which will occur more when people, to avoid these higher fuel prices, buy their fuel in Idaho.**

Please VOTE NO on HB 2020.

Sincerely,



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