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Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources

Dear Chairs Senator Taylor & Representative Reardon and members Senators Frederick and Girod and Representatives Hayden, Holvey, Neron and Smith

Re: House Bill 2020A

Much as already been said concerning Oregon's legislation regarding greenhouse gas emissions and it seems the Governor and the majority of the legislature is dead set on fixing a non-existent problem so I suspect my urging the Committee to stop this legislation will fall on deaf ears. Nevertheless I feel compelled to write to urge you to do exactly that, stop this legislation.

I want to remind the Committee that the so-called greenhouse effect is still a theory, a hypothesis. It is also unproven — meaning no empirical evidence — that carbon dioxide has any effect at all on atmospheric temperatures. And apparently many have forgotten whatever they learned at one time about organic chemistry.

What started years ago as concern about carbon dioxide emissions has transmogrified into being spoken of only as *carbon* these days, and lately I've been reading where some legislators refer to it as merely *carbon equivalents*. We are getting father and farther removed from the original issue as this (apparently all-powerful) trace element in our atmosphere becomes commodified and, as a result, traded just as any other monetary instrument with zero, or, if any, a barely measurable effect on the atmospheric concentration of this beneficial, naturally occurring gas.

My stance is that someday people will look back at the history books on Oregon's House Bill 2020A and wonder what the hell they were thinking.

House Bill 2020A has nothing to do with earth's atmosphere and everything to do with who is going pay and who is going to get paid.

Sincerely,



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