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## **To: Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources**

**02/02/2020**

SB1530 Vote: NO

### **Re: SB 1530 “cap-and-trade”**

To whom it may concern;

My name is Grant Darrow. I'm 68 years old and live north of Elgin, Oregon in NE Oregon. I first moved to this State in 1958 and have lived here most all my life. I love Oregon. I started my own business in 1977 and raised a family here. Today, I'm not just Oregon's senior chimney sweep but one of the oldest operating chimney sweeps on the north American continent.

I'm a sole proprietor now because several years ago hiring employees had become economically unfeasible for me in this State. I make my livelihood as a Chimney sweep servicing and inspecting the gas, wood, pellet and oil heating appliances in 4500 households (68%) scattered over 9000 square miles of rural and remote Union, Wallowa and Baker counties. I sell safety. I also teach and council young sweeps across this State and region.

To date the legislation coming out of Salem is devastating my livelihood and my ability to make Oregonians safe. I currently add a \$10 kate brown surcharge to ever invoice I write to cover the current fee, license, gas and tax increases levied against me, often times by unelected bureaucrats.

The effects of HB3427, the poorly thought out “sales Tax”, are just now coming to roost on my business. I'm currently evaluating that impact on me and my customers from its pyramiding tax scheme which I end up paying for and now I may soon have to pass on in my, the kate brown surcharge.

SB 1530 will be the death blow to my business, my life in Oregon and my retirement here.

In his book, “Economics in One Lesson”, by Henry Hazlitt, he analyses the economic fallacies repeated by policy makers that actually end up doing more harm than good because impacted classes of people whom are not considered or considered expendable are not a part of their equation. SB1530 is just such a poorly thought out piece of legislation. Impoverishing me and

destroying my 43-year-old business and my retirement will do virtually nothing to improve carbon emissions. This type of legislation needs to be put to a vote of the people.

SB1530 vote: NO

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Grant Darrow Chimney Sweep