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Hello and good day to you Honorable Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am contacting you today to officially offer my testimony in opposition to HB 1530, the Oregon Cap and Trade Bill.

My husband was a retired Veteran who became a truck driver and businessman after retiring from the Army and returning to Oregon. We raised our family here and were part of the “machine” that helped to build Oregon to the great state it had become the place people wanted to move to. He passed away 2 years ago leaving me in a precarious position as he was the primary income earner. With an income loss of 2/3rd of our household income I am doing my best to survive and maintain the hopes and dreams we worked hard for.

I am but one of many and represent but one category of Oregon’s residents and there are so many more you will be hearing from. I live in a very rural area but am not separated from what makes Oregon the state we have called home for decade. I am also very aware of the increase we are all witnessing in our ability to meet our financial obligation and never thought I would witness our government so determined carry out actions that would do just that.

We The People Of Oregon cannot afford the \$3 Billion in new taxes and fees you past last year let alone the monumental income this Cap and Trade will have on our ability to continue living here. We are already witnessing businesses leaving, going out of business. We are watching our friends and relative talking of moving out of this state as it has become too expensive to live in. We already have an over population of Homeless that is not being addressed. This Cap and Trade Bill would only increase the Homeless, cause higher crime rates and put the population of Oregon at increased risk of personal and property harm.

Most of us where I work only received a .25 / hr raise this year. How on earth is that supposed to cover the increased costs all these new taxes are going to add to our burdens not to even mention those on fixed incomes. Are we to the point where only those whose salaries are paid by the taxpayers are the ones who can afford these increased tax burdens?

I implore you to please not pass this bill out of the House. Too many of us are depending on you to take the time to revise this giving it further reflection before it is too late which easily could cost us our homes and our jobs.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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