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To: [SENR Exhibits](#)
Subject: RE: Cap and Trade (SB 1530)
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Dear Senators,

My name is Jessie Mae Johnston and I am a fifth generation Oregonian whose family roots go back to pioneers who homesteaded in Grant and Morrow County back in the mid to late 1800's farming, ranching, raising sheep and cattle. I married my husband 35+ years ago in Birkenfeld, Oregon where we live on the property that was cleared and planted by his family since they homesteaded in the mid to late 1800's. Needless to say we have a vested interest in our state where our roots have been firmly planted. We raise beef, produce hay and harvest timber off our property the same as those who came before us and hopefully those who will come after us. My husband has been employed at the local mill since November 1982 and we have seen all the changes that have been happening to the timber and agricultural industries. We have been dealing with all the added regulations and taxes that have been put in place over the course of our ownership. The Cap and Trade bill does nothing to help our plant, it will only tax our state out of business. We do not want to follow those who have pushed this agenda and are suffering the consequences such as our neighbors to the south, they are not our role models!!

Please do not pass this legislation!! We already have enough regulations that have reduced our emissions and we have been successful. This type of legislation is destructive and damaging.

Below I am adding a letter that was written by Derek Becker, please read!

Senators,

SB 1530, if passed into law, will destroy Oregon's economy raising the price of everything even eclipsing last year's gross receipts sales tax. SB 1530 even contains language establishing a fund to re-train (think re-education) and re-locate those whose jobs and industries are destroyed into cities and into "green jobs" that do not exist today. SB 1530 is a solution in search of a problem. Oregon's share of "greenhouse gas" emissions is minuscule when compared to the rest of the United States and virtually not measurable when compared to the rest of the world. In total, the US has reduced emissions over the passed few decades and we are far and away ahead of most of the world.

This bill allows a few select companies and industries to profit from the trading of "allowances", also known as carbon credits.

The cap and trade scam works like this:

1. Government passes laws limiting the amount of "greenhouse gases" that can be produced by businesses and products.
2. Government exempts certain businesses and industries based on their commitment to the cause. (read campaign contributions)

3. Government then sells “allowances” (carbon credits) to allow businesses to exceed their allowable amount of “greenhouse gases”. Net result is that many, many dollars flow out of the economy and into government.

4. Many of the “allowances” that were sold go to government favored businesses and individuals. Those “carbon credits” are then resold resulting in large profits and more campaign contributions to current politicians and “consulting contracts” to now retired politicians.

5. Businesses and industries not considered to be committed to the “cause” begin to shrink and then move to more friendly areas. The bill refers to this as “shrinkage”

6. Unemployment rises resulting in more people dependent on the government.

7. Prices for most, if not all, goods and services rise resulting in less goods and services consumed and more unemployment, albeit with a resultant drop in “greenhouse gases”.

8. The resulting reduction in “greenhouse gases” affects the climate so little that it is hard to measure. However, the government and politicians become richer and have more control. Win-win unless you are a person who is trying to make a living and take care of your family.

Even though Ms Burdick considers this too complex an issue to be understood by poor, dumb voters, it is our money and our livelihoods at stake. Either kill this monstrosity or refer it to we, the voters. We might surprise Ms Burdick as to how smart we can be.

Respectfully,

Jessie Mae Johnston