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Legislative Members,

There are times when government intervention makes perfect sense—but when the benefits are less than clear, it is absolutely insane to push through legislation based on inexact science and fear mongering.

Cap and Trade is one of those poor pieces of legislation that needs to be tossed out and abandoned. Oregonians can't afford it, and its positive impact on our environmental future is nothing more than speculation.

The state of Oregon has one of the smallest carbon footprints in the entire United States. And carbon emissions here have fallen dramatically since 1990. We are well ahead of the curve when it comes to dealing with perceived problems associated with carbon. The massive cap and trade legislation will devastate Oregon businesses, crush the budgets of our citizens, and establish an expensive and totalitarian bureaucracy.

To paraphrase a oft-used meme, we are nuts to believe that giving more money to the government will change our "weather." Climate has been changing for thousands of years without man's influence, and it is arrogant to believe we have any control over it now.

Climate change activism is simply a power grab aimed at controlling the behavior of people. The decades of failed predictions about the impact on our planet are proof enough that this is a fool's errand.

DUMP THIS MISGUIDED LEGISLATION and direct our efforts at real issues in our state like homelessness, and expansion of our aging, statewide transportation network. You know, tangible problems.

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