Greetings,

The proposed Cap & Trade legislation is important for many reasons. Of course addressing climate change needs to be done. As an Oregonian I am disappointed in the manner in which this legislation is moving forward. It appears that a calm deliberative approach is missing from the process. It also appears that one party seems to think that we can just drag along those who don't agree simply because they currently hold a legislative majority. That only serves to create animosity and also why DC has been such a disaster for so many years.

I was shocked when a legislator suggested that a vote by the people on this matter could not be held because "it was too complicated for the average voter to understand." As someone with engineering and computer science degrees I take great exception as do MANY other Oregonians.

Legislation alone will not solve climate change and changes will not happen overnight. It will take a collaborative effort by ALL Oregonians to solve. More information and time is required for such an important matter and special sessions were not designed to address complex and important issues. May I suggest a vote of the people on this very important matter. Democracy is built and depends on the involvement of the individual voter. Let each Oregonian have an opportunity to express their desire on this matter.

Thank you !!!

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