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Dear Oregon Senate Committee on Natural Resources:
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February 6,

I am writing about the "CAP and Trade" Bill being heard today. (SB1530 and HB 4159)

I want to tell you that by being born in this country, I agreed to be governed by elected people who are there to represent my interest.

At no time have I agreed to be governed by bureaucrats and scientists who claim to know what is best for me.

At no time have I agreed that the people I elect should delegate their responsibility to govern to bureaucrats, scientists and the "well educated" elite.

If you pass this legislation, all of the above will happen. You will have delegated your responsibility to govern to a bureaucracy. They will have the authority (given by you) the make rules that have the force of law over your constituents. They will have the authority to impose and spend taxes recovered from your constituents. We have learned that once a bureaucracy develops there is often little accountability. I used to teach that the primary goal of any bureaucracy is to perpetuate itself.

Finally, I want to address two more issues:

Oregon does not need this legislation. We (Oregonians) have done a great job of reducing our use of carbon energy. We are already paying a higher per unit cost for electricity because we are using less than the utilities expected. We can plant trees. This is much better than imposing taxes to move around as "needed" by a bureaucracy with limited accountability.

Oregon is a very, very small player in the worldwide scheme of things. No one outside Oregon will notice our herculean efforts because we are so small...and yet we have the likely potential of destroying our rural communities on more than one front. Their fragile local economies will be further challenged and their access to goods and services will be compromised. The unwritten goal of moving our population from the rural areas to the urban areas will be furthered and quickly.

Please do not move this bill forward.

Sincerely,
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