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Mark Twain once said that its not what I don't understand about the bible that concerns me. Its what I do understand. To Ginny Burdict I would say this. It is not what I don't understand about SB 1530 (aka Carbon Cap and Trade) that bothers me it is what I do understand.

I am a fifth generation Oregonian. My grandfather lived at the coast and supported his wife and six children by working in the woods. He died setting chokers during the great depression. He would be spinning in his grave if he saw what has become of the timber industry that has been ravaged by radical environmentalists and progressive Democrat politicians in Salem.

My father and several uncles also made their living in the wood products industry. They were high paying jobs and were a bridge for them to enter the middle class. Their prosperity enabled my brothers and I to become the first in our families to obtain college degrees and work in other professions. However my roots are in timber and I strongly support those that make their living harvesting and maintaining our beautiful forests.

SB1530 will destroy the trucking and wood products industries. My youngest son is a commercial fisherman and the increased fuel costs from this legislation will hurt his ability to compete with foreign and farm fished companies. The big loser will be the Oregon consumer that will have fewer healthy alternatives to the foreign products.

This is bad legislation that will cost Oregon families \$600-\$900 per year in increased fuel, electricity, and food costs. All for very minimal carbon reduction for a state that contributes .002% of the worlds carbon. Focus your efforts into getting American back into the Paris Climate Accord and curbing carbon output from countries like India and China.

Julie Parrish also presented several good ideas to Kate Brown yesterday that would do far more than SB1530.

I was at the Timber Unity protest and rally yesterday. All we are asking is for an opportunity to have a state wide vote on this bill. Thank you for taking the time to read this and listening to my concerns and those of my fellow Oregon citizens.