To whom:

This is another no for cap and tax - uh, trade.

My wife and I both grew up in a small town that died when the mills closed. To be completely honest, we both came from not having much.

Life is what you make it, we both got out and bettered ourselves. We both had a plan in mind. We missed family events, worked weekends, holidays, whatever we needed. We put off starting a family for years because we wanted to provide more for our children than what we ever had. We put in years of hard work and a good work ethic, we now make a decent living, and neither of us went to college.

I can proudly say that we now support our son, he just turned 1 in October. He came early, and there were complications. He spent the first month of his life in the NICU. We both work full time, but we spend most weekends going and doing things as a family. In his first year of life our son has been to 2 other states, all corners of Oregon, and has probably spent more weekends camping than he has at home.

We could not live the life that we do without both of our income. I'm not a logger, not a truck driver, not a miner... I sell sell stuff. I sell stuff to loggers, to truck drivers, to construction workers, to fishermen. I work for a small business that would be hit hard if my customers were out of work and had no demand for the products we sell. That would devastate what my wife and I have worked all these years for.

So once more, put it to a vote. My vote will be no. I'm not a logger or trucker, but I'm someone who knows that the trickle down will effect me, my family, and most other Oregonians.