



House Committee On Energy and Environment
Chair Power and member of the committee

RE: HB 4067A - PUC to consider differential energy burden and other inequities of affordability in rates.

WE ARE A STRONG NO

This is fancy language that reeks of social justice gone amuck. Any time inequities are defined, by its action it creates other inequities and promotes a class system. Defining "environmental justice" as a protection against making poor personal choices is not a responsibility of government and it moves society towards socialism. Identifying "environmental justice communities" is racist giving priorities to one group of people over another in the same situation. To be in compliance with the Constitution, laws need to be applied equally to all peoples. That means all peoples.

Government must stop picking winners and losers and not treating all people equally. Minorities are represented in the majority of Oregon statutes, so who is really underrepresented? The legislature is not elected to redistribute the wealth to select groups – or anyone. A “hand-up” does not mean a “hand-out” and we need to get back to solutions for a “hand-up” and not “hand-outs”.

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