

Hello my name is Rachele Box. As an Oregonian and former small business owner I feel it is important to be heard on the matter of HB 4167 also known as 'cap and tax'. I've listened to state representatives refer to this bill as too complex for Oregon voters to understand and vote on. That they need to be allowed to do the job they were designated to do. That being said here are my thoughts on the matter, we as working Oregonians and small business owners have the right to vote on bills such as HB 4167. Anyone who can read can understand that this bill is a money grab by the state of Oregon and big business within the state. We the people will be paying for this as well as suffering the consequences of this bill. Small business and working Oregonians will be footing the bill while large business and the state profit from it. We as a single State cannot stop climate change by forcing cap and tax onto the people. We have already met our emissions goals and ahead of schedule. Depriving Oregonians of the right to vote as well as using a short session designed for small fixes to do so is a huge overreach by state government. I believe the backlash from such events will be enormous. The people are watching and we will continue to hold our State representatives accountable to the constituents they serve. Please do not allow this bill to pass. We the people have voiced our distain for such legislation several times in the past only to have it forced upon us by state legislators. This is wrong and should not be acceptable.

Thank you.