

Dear: Sir or Mam,

I am writing to you in regards to HB4167, the CAP and Trade tax. I live on a small farm in the NW part of Oregon in the foothills of Mt Hood. I am a 4th generation Oregonian that comes from a legacy of logging and farming.

I am very very opposed to HB4167, the CAP and Trade tax. Our climate and weather is cyclical, and in no way has been or ever will be controlled by bad bills and taxes. No one can tax their way into changing the climate. Oregon already has the cleanest air and environment. A tax won't change that.

Increases in natural gas rates, propane rates and fuel costs will do nothing to help the environment. All that will do is cripple the residents and businesses of this state with unnecessary, unneeded and un-affordable tax hikes. Driving people and businesses out of state won't fix anything and will only cause this once great state to wither away and die.

Proper forest management will do more for a healthy environment than any tax increases will ever dream of doing. Logging out the older trees either by clear cuts or thinning and brush clearing will help to keep our forests healthy. New trees are always planted in place of the harvested ones. Young trees pull more CO2 and keep the air cleaner than the old or diseased trees.

Please please vote NO on this horrible tax scam.

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