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Subject: Testimony on HB 4167 Cap and Trade: I oppose HB 4167 without a vote of the people!
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To: House Committee on Rules

Re: Testimony on HB 4167 Cap and Trade

Dear House Committee on Rules: Representative Holvey, Representative Smith, Representative Fahey, Representative Nosse, Representative Sprenger, and Representative Zika,

I'm Heather Hall and I'm contacting you with my written testimony regarding HB 4167. Please OPPOSE HB 4167 Cap and Trade and here's why:

1. Cap and Trade is going to drive up utility prices. Plus, it'll drive up gas prices which translates into services and products increasing in cost. The cost of living will go up; there's NO way around any of these concerns.
2. Not everyone benefits from the carveouts. Therefore, these aren't a real solution.
3. Everyone has bills and it's challenging enough as it is for many households to make ends meet. Even if a tax rebate were to "help" next year, it doesn't help individuals with their bills today. And no, not everyone wants to have "handouts" from the government, so going to the government for "aid" isn't a solution (**that's socialism and it's counter to the American principle of Self-Government**). Whereas self-government is a right and proper route as Americans under a Constitutional Representative Republic. All legislation needs to be in line with American principles because of our form of gov't.
4. Real solutions for carbon concerns that some individuals have? Timber Unity has laid out a solid plan in 4 easy points to address carbon WITHOUT a tax! **Another American principle is the Right Leave our private property—our hard earned money—alone!** In case you're unaware of their solutions:
 - Next to freeways, plant vegetation that stores carbon long-term to help clean the air.
 - If local governments shop locally vs. from out-of-state, it'll help to reduce pollution from hauling in goods from other states.
 - Stop shipping recyclables out of state.
 - They also suggest helping businesses make upgrades that are more environmentally friendly.

Here's a link to the news article on Timber Unity's plan as covered by KATU News:
<https://katu.com/news/local/timber-unity-proposes-alternative-to-cap-and-trade-bill>

And here's a link to a PDF document of their plan in case you'd like to print it out and read it together:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xky_VYU_JDyO-SLiuLoxobLcRrfOGVGx/view

5. From all over Oregon, County Commissioners who represent millions of Oregonians are saying NO to Cap and Trade. **Legislatures should, too.**

6. Ideas have consequences. This change is HUGE for how Oregon regulates transportation and manufacturing and natural resources. Therefore, the people deserve to and have the right to vote. REFER it to the people again and honor the will of the people!

7. Don't continue wasting our money on "green energy" boondoggles. Based on past projects and failures, that \$20 million is a crazy and it's unrealistic!

Please OPPOSE HB 4167.

Sincerely,
Heather Hall