

I am a native Oregonian. For the past 50 years, I have been watching as our state has become more restrictive and my taxes have continued to rise. State offices once designed to assist our citizens have changed into offices to tell our landowners what they cannot do, rather than how to do it better. I see the "Cap and Trade" morass as being just one more way to drive up the prices of utilities and fuel. Living in the country, these are very important to me and my family!

The "carve-outs" aren't for everyone...how unfair is that? And waiting around for a tax rebate is not something I care to trust the government for, having had it stolen before by the governor! \$20 million dollars buys a lot of groceries or farm equipment, and seems like a ridiculous expenditure to make for what many, myself included, see as a green energy boondoggle!

My Linn County Commissioners and many others around the state are saying NO to Cap and Trade." Many in my farming community in Linn County are opposed to what this bill does to their bottom line, and so am I. (It sometimes feels like you Left-Leaners in Salem have no care for those of us who live off the land!). Farming, ranching and timber-related jobs already are full of risks and gambles. Why would anyone who cares for the people want to make it more difficult?

What about the risks of fraud and abuse of the system? I understand that California has had both of those identified already. Why push through a bill which will only function well when there are certain technologies and safeguards in place that actually work?

The "Emergency Bill" designation smells like a design to bypass Oregon's citizens' long-cherished rights to Initiative and Referendum. Timber-Unity has a 4-point plan to address carbon issues WITHOUT any diversion from our pockets. Why don't you try working together on this? Better yet, refer it to the people for a vote...the old-fashioned way is still the best.

Sincerely,

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