

Good afternoon,

I am writing to outline my opposition to the current HB 4167, commonly referred to as the Cap and Trade bill.

In addition to how this bill has moved through the Senate to the House, the agenda behind the bill, declaring it an emergency and other issues my concerns are these:

a) Cap and Trade is going to drive up utility prices and gas prices which will have a profound impact on the average Oregonian, many of whom already live pay check to pay check and have no viable options to alter their gasoline consumption (mass transit is not available in many areas nor is it practical for many with families) and may already struggle to meet their utility bills as it is

b) The proposed tax rebate that would be given next year after filing is not going to provide relief for paying the bills that exist now

c) There exists already another option and viable plan to address carbon issues without an imposed tax on Oregonians - this plan should be thoroughly reviewed and considered before passing a burdensome tax onto the citizens and businesses of Oregon

d) County Commissioners from all over this lovely state are saying No to Cap and Trade

e) A budget of \$20 million to implement a new tax and regulatory system is not only unrealistic but could be put to better use - instead of creating more bureaucracy those funds could be better served in other areas (create additional resources, help subsidize actual changes to energy consumption, or if nothing else lets actually pay for our school system to work)

While I certainly agree climate change is a very real issue and needs to be addressed this bill and its imposed taxes are not the way to solve the problem. Instead it creates undue burden to the citizens and business of Oregon and will not create the change we need to see. The people of Oregon deserve to be heard and have the chance to vote on legislation this massive.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Keizer, Oregon resident