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To Whom it May Concern,

I am emailing today to urge everyone involved to stop the games and put this on the ballot for the people to vote upon. If the majority of the people believe that it will help Oregon, fine. We can live with something that is voted upon by the people and approved by the people. What is hard to stomach is getting HB 4167 crammed down our throats without a vote.

The reasons why I am against HB4167 -

1) utility and gas prices are going to increase. This is 100% apparent by reading the verbiage used in the bill.

2)The provisions that are being "put" into place to offset cost increases do not help all Oregonians and seem to favor special interest or big business.

3) Even if the provisions work to "ease" issues on the common man/women/person in Oregon waiting for a tax rebate that might or might not come is not a solution. We have too many people in debt as it is in America as a whole, asking people to cover the increase by utilizing credit cards in hopes of a rebate is a terrible solution.

4) I have heard of several plans to decrease our carbon foot print in Oregon without an increase in taxes. Simply: why shouldn't we try every solution that is FREE before imposing a tax on everyone? Seems like common sense.

5) I believe some 24/32 county's in Oregon oppose this bill and its twin in the Senate - that is some 1.5 million people being represented; all stating that this bill should be voted on by the people - not crammed down our throats, with an "emergency bill". The rebuttal that this bill is too complicated for the common Oregonian is ridiculous. If the common man can't understand it then I seriously doubt our elected officials can understand HB4167. If it is too complicated, make it simpler and spell out where the money will be going and how it will be spent. That way everyone knows what they are getting by voting yes or no.

6) I am all for green energy, I am all for leaving a place cleaner than when I found it whether that is recreating outdoors or attending a sporting event, but trying to save world problems by unfairly taxing Oregon residents does not solve the problem it only punishes those who reside in the state of Oregon.

Best,

Sean Wells