

To whom it may concern,

Any Cap and Trade Bill, including SB1530 and HB4167 will absolutely cripple the economy of Oregon, specifically rural Oregonians. We strongly OPPOSE!

Our seniors, disabled, and lower income families cannot afford ANY increases to fuel or energy to heat their homes.

Oregon already is one of the most expensive states to live in and a typical middle income family can BARELY afford rent. Many are cohabitating with parents, adult children, and adult siblings. The dream of home ownership is barely realistic for those coming of age, and our homelessness is out of control!

Cap and Trade will do nothing more than perpetuate the existing issues listed above, and even if the goals were achievable (they are not), the positive effect on the environment would be negligible.

In all scientific reports that I have read, which were analyzed by statisticians far more intelligent than you or I, Oregon is a role model for lowering carbon emissions.

You want to charge ME an increased fuel tax due to carbon, yet you have legalized marijuana grown in greenhouses! Are you aware of the amount of CO2 they are pumping into these greenhouses with huge industrial fans that disperse the carbon into the atmosphere? Yet, we will leave the growers alone, because of the tax dollars they're generating, right? HYPOCRISY AT IT'S FINEST!

And Kate Brown is endorsing the removal of four dams that provide some of the cleanest energy available?

The two paragraphs above ALONE PROVE that Cap and Trade is nothing more than the government once again dipping into the bank accounts of its citizens, and has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with the environment (an environment, in which, is NOT in crisis anyway).

It is also very bold of government to think that they have control of the environment. This earth was created by God, just as humans were. If God did not intend for humans to use the resources he has given us to advance ourselves, he would not have given us such brilliant minds. Instead of making us all humans, we would have been born as sheep or something far less intelligent than men and women.

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