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Senators:

While it is apparent from the handling of the hearing for these bills that the Republican representatives do not want to hear from anyone disagreeing with their planned action, I am submitting this for the public record:

HB 3250: From the testimony given, it is obvious that many of those commenting on this bill had not read it. They are expecting a "check in the mail". They are going to be dissatisfied. As I imagine you are aware, this is another one of those bills where ultimately the consumers get to pay for more public employees. The energy companies will buy their "credits" and pass those costs on to the electric users. Then the Department of Energy and Department of Revenue will collect their "handling" fees from the money used to purchase those credits. That is capped at 25% for "administering" the program, but it is predictable that the charges will be that amount. Then the remaining 75% of the money collected will go to the Department of Revenue and handled as if it were collected a pre-payment on the next year's taxes. Whatever attachments would apply to tax dollars will be applied and if there is anything left, it will be returned with the person's tax refund. The public still ends up paying more for their electricity. The government is basically charging 25% to process the money. High interest if you ask me.

HB 3252: Another even more costly bill to the consumer. How is it that Oregon taxpayers are supposed to pay for the carbon generated everywhere else? Oregon produces enough green energy to meet all our electricity needs if you include all the dam generated electricity. This bill makes Oregonians pay because the energy companies are sending the green energy we produce out of state and bringing in "dirty" electricity from out of state. Other states get the job benefits of production of the energy, and we are penalized. In addition, the fuel portion of the tax once again fails to benefit Oregon infrastructure. Paying for solar and electric fixtures at rest stops and along roads, paying for electric car charging stations and paying for bike trails is not what the public should be paying for when our roads are falling apart.

Have you people forgotten that you just passed a "carbon tax" that will increase our costs at the pump and now you want to pile this cost on top of that? You are going to destroy the state economy because of your obsession with "green energy".

HB 3470: This is another bad bill. I have been trying to figure out which is the best of the worst bills. It will again cost the people of the state of Oregon because the rest of the world is creating carbon that we are having to pay for. The one way it could have some redeeming quality would be if you made this your only bill to deal with carbon and at least get all the damaging bills in one place with one agency accountable. If you would eliminate all the other "carbon" bills and rely on this one

bill you would have to face what the public is having to pay for your love affair with the green energy lobby.

I do not understand why this legislature keeps having people from California testify like they should be a role model for Oregon. The Columbia Gorge which used to be scenic reflects what we get when California is the model. You need to look at the goal you are trying to move Oregon DOWN to. The bad news is you are succeeding. For example, according to data from the Federal Cost of Living Index at the Bureau of Labor Statistics, effective 2013 California's cost of living was 123.6 and Oregon's was 106.9. By 2014, California's cost of living had gone up to 131.9 and Oregon's had raised to 124.9. With 100 being average, we are definitely moving into the toilet even faster than California. We already have more subsidies, grants, loans, tax credits for this industry than any other state in the union including California according to the US Dept. of Energy. Now you seem intent upon pushing us to the top of the cost of living index. Being at the top of this index means we are at the BOTTOM! Give the citizens of this state a break--we cannot afford you!

Please see this goes into the public record as you refused to hear my verbal testimony on Wednesday. It appears that is the approach being taken by this Democratic controlled legislature. Just don't allow those who disagree with you to speak in public. Make sure the people in the room don't get confused by data.