

## Testimony – HB4001

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Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) is a valuable greenhouse gas. Elevated atmosphere CO<sub>2</sub> means increased food production. In truth we need all the CO<sub>2</sub> we can get to feed the world's growing population.

All this hype regarding the dangers of high CO<sub>2</sub> levels continue to be wrong. We have been successful in reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions without this financial burden to our productive sector. Though not technically a tax, HB4001 will mean added cost to every citizen.

Before the industrial revolution, CO<sub>2</sub> levels were sometimes much higher than current levels. The primary source of heat on planet earth has always been the sun.

The farmers in our state depend on moderate climates, plentiful moisture, and high CO<sub>2</sub> levels for our bountiful harvests. Let's not harm our state's economy by passing HB4001.