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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee

My name is Dustin Harrington. I live in Albany and I'm testifying today in opposition to HB4001, the Oregon Legislature's carbon cap and trade proposal that will extend California's program to Oregon.

I am the Vice President of Manufacturing for Selmec Inc., a worldwide leader in the manufacturing of titanium castings and machined parts for the aerospace industry. Based in Albany, Selmec prides itself on being a top employer in the area. We have been providing family wage jobs to hardworking Oregonians for over 30 years.

HB4001 will tax anybody who uses electricity, natural gas and transportation fuel, increasing energy and fuel costs and diverting resources we need to grow valuable jobs and successfully run manufacturing companies across the state.

But, supporters tout California's roaring economy as evidence that cap and trade won't impact jobs. Since enactment of its comprehensive carbon law, California's manufacturing job growth rate has been half of the US average. Almost all of California's growth is concentrated in the urban areas of Los Angeles and the Bay Area. Nearly every other county has an unemployment rate above the state or US average. We shouldn't advance a policy that further divides the economies of urban and rural Oregon.

Manufacturing jobs pay more, sustain families and provide greater economic impact, especially in Oregon's rural communities. Adopting California's cap and trade system, however, will drive manufacturing jobs to other states. Driving jobs away from Oregon's clean economy and into high-carbon states and countries will only harm the goal of reducing global carbon emissions.

Adopting California's cap and trade program will take opportunities away from workers, increase costs on every Oregon family and provide no benefit in the fight against climate change. I urge you to reject HB4001.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

  
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