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Good Morning!

I don't wish to mince words here. I stand in total opposition of LC19.

In addition to being a lifelong (63 years) resident of Oregon, I am an environmentalist. In 1970, I participated in the very first Earth Day and have kept the environmental concerns of our State in mind my entire life. I've attended countless SOLVE clean-ups. I was here when the beaches of Oregon became open to everyone. I was here when the Oregon Bottle Bill became law. I've watched the fights to preserve beautiful rural Oregon farms instead of turning them into subdivisions. During my time on this planet, I have seen some crazy schemes put forth by the government but the Cap and Trade bill last year and it's reinvention as LC19 this year take the cake! What, on God's green earth, are you people thinking??? I have not heard or seen one logical argument that supports taxing Oregonians more...sending billions of dollars more to Salem...putting people out of their homes and out of their jobs that makes Oregon any cleaner or greener. This legislation is going to strangle small businesses and farmers and cost everyone more money...just so you people in Salem can have another huge revenue stream to spend on anything but the environment.

Not only will LC19 increase the cost of living to businesses, public entities, school districts, hospitals and farmers, it WILL impact poorer people disproportionately. They will pay the increased costs of fuel, groceries and housing costs AND will be the first to be laid off or fired when small and smaller businesses fail. The public assistance and welfare roles are going to swell because you are taking money from people who cannot afford to give it up. Single parent households, children, people and communities of color, marginalized and vulnerable communities, the under represented and under-served communities, the undocumented and homeless citizens of Oregon will all be adversely and disproportionately affected by LC19. LC19 is mean-spirited, discriminatory and, I'll just say it, RACIST. Let the economic class war begin!

I can afford boondoggles like this year's Oregon Corporate Activity Tax or the Family Leave Tax or the Healthcare Tax or the Kicker theft or the new Liquor Tax or the new local School Levy and School Bond Taxes or the Metro "Nature for All" Tax or the increased DMV registration (State and County) fees or the huge Metro T2020 Transportation Tax or the new \$250,000,000.00 Clackamas County Courthouse but how are these crushing taxes going to affect the economically disadvantaged? What student coming out of college or even high school is going to ever be able to thrive? Even students from Lake Oswego and West Linn! This isn't about the environment or global warming or climate change or climate crisis or global meltdown, this is nothing but a money grab for the benefit of Salem. It's to make people in Salem "feel" good that they did something. The air won't be any cleaner. The water won't be any clearer. There won't be more salmon in the Columbia River or steelhead in the Clackamas

River. However, the streets of Salem will surely be paved with gold...the gold from decent, hard working people who will never see a benefit from this bill.

Why cloak the desire for money in an environmental savior wrapper? Just tax the hell out of us the old fashioned way. You don't have to lie about it! To say that this is about clean air and water is a joke. This is about money, pure and simple...money redirected to Salem...and Oregonians are going to suffer because of it.

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