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**Subject:** Re: The LC 19 carbon cap-and-trade bill proposal affects all Oregonians, even the homeless  
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I fixed a typographical error.

On Tuesday, January 14, 2020, 01:09:07 PM PST, rebecca eigel <[eigel@yahoo.com](mailto:eigel@yahoo.com)> wrote:

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee members,

The LC 19 carbon cap-and-trade bill proposal affects all Oregonians, even the homeless.

The homeless, who live in their vehicles, will have higher vehicle gas prices, which means they will not be able to afford to move their vehicles and risk being towed. That puts those vulnerable people literally on the streets with no shelter. Some homeless people use propane, so there is an increased expense on them.

Senior citizens barely exist on their social security allotment. Every time they receive an increase, Medicare takes over half of it. Increased vehicle gas prices will become an out of reach expense for seniors. The ones who live in rural areas, without transportation options, will be stranded. My Dad is not going to walk 1-4 miles to try to catch the Linn Shuttle or the Linn-Benton bus. He has a bad knee and walks with a walker. Hwy. 99E does not have sidewalks from our house to Hwy. 34. Seniors do not ask for help from others or do not have family around to help them and some transportation options, if available, are cost prohibitive.

Senior citizens will cut back on their heating, which means more illness or death by hypothermia. Cities around the country have death tolls during the winter due to heating bills being cost prohibitive. It is a proven fact

All cities, towns, schools or government entities will have increased costs from vehicle gas, natural gas, propane use and utility increases. Cities and towns are already strapped by the PERS bill, so increased overhead costs will only become more of a burden

If you care anything about businesses in Oregon, then vehicle gas, natural gas, propane and utility increases cause more overhead costs in a globally

competitive environment. Businesses will not be able to afford to keep competing with decreasing prices in the global market. Farmers will not be able to keep up. With less revenue due to industry shut downs, there will be less tax money. With less tax money, then Oregon will only increase the tax burden on whomever chooses to stay living here, if they have not left due to over taxation and job loss.

The shipping industry will be affected by no exports.

The airline industry will be affected. Ticket prices will continue to increase

The citizens of Oregon will feel the increases in their vehicle gas, natural gas, propane, utility, grocery, leisure activities and travel bills and their employment. I put them last, because the Oregon legislature shows how much they do not care about the citizens of Oregon by their noncommon sense bill proposals.

Electricity is not sustainable. Look at California. When PGE turned the electricity off, all electric dependent items did not work. No one could use their cell phones or drive an electric car, because there was not any electricity to charge them with. Businesses had to shut down. The physically disabled were stranded in their multi-story units, because they could not use the stairs

Where is the common sense? If you need to have provisions to assist workers who have been displaced or lost their job due to the cap-and-trade policy, then there is obviously a problem. This would not be a few hundred jobs. This would be thousands or, most likely, millions of jobs. It would wipe out industries. The timber industry disappeared in the 1990's, the electronic industry in Linn and Benton counties disappeared in the mid-2000's, so there goes more industries in Oregon with the LC 19 carbon cap-and-trade bill proposal.

A VERY concerned Oregon citizen,

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