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TO: Governor Brown, Oregon State Senators and State Representatives

Never in all my lifetime years of living in Oregon have I ever been this discouraged, mad and concerned about losing the Oregon we love or used to love. The direction that Governor Brown and a majority of our State Senators and Representatives are taking is sending the State of Oregon down a very destructive path. Oregon used to be a State to be proud of. It was so special to live in Oregon and say you were a born and raised Oregonian. But no more. I'm embarrassed, scared and saddened to be an Oregonian. If I wasn't of retirement age and living on RURAL land that I love, with RURAL friends, neighbors and fellow small business and large business's with RURAL values, I would move to Idaho. But I am willing to stay and take a stand against most of these crazy ideas and bills that most of you are trying to pass into laws.

I am the owner of a small business in Astoria. It is a florist and gift shop. Every Bill that is passed in Salem in one way or another effects my business, especially if it involves money and unfair taxes and fees. This crazy CAP and TRADE fiasco will YES.... have an effect on my business. How so you say???? Well... let me tell you. Clatsop County is still a County that depends on the Logging and Fishing Industry. These people are among others, my customers. If you raise fees and taxes so that they can no longer afford to buy their equipment, pay their employees, pay their fuel bills, etc... they will more than likely close their operations or make major cutbacks. If they don't have any money they won't be possibly spending their money with me or other fellow business owners in Clatsop County. This Cap and Trade Bill will also increase freight and trucking fees to get all products into our area. These costs will force me to increase my delivery fees, my merchandise fees and possibly cut my employee hours. Two of my employees have connections directly to the Timber Industry. If their husband's jobs get cut because of the Cap and Trade Bill effects then they could lose their job and houses.

As most of us are aware... Cap and Trade is no more than a way to raise money for State coffers. Oregon's Carbon Footprint is minimal and by forcing this on the people of Oregon will cause financial hardship by raising prices on fuel and everything related to fuel.

I also feel that this should be something decided on by a VOTE !!!! of the citizens of Oregon. We are tired of the use of the so called EMERGENCY CLAUSE. This constant use of this clause is taking Oregon down the road to Dictatorship! We are supposed to have the right of voting on laws passed by referendum. The Emergency Clause as written is NOT to be attached to bills that would raise revenue. Cap and Trade would raise revenue and this clause should not be attached!

In closing I would like to say that the DIVIDE between City and Rural Oregon citizens will continue to widen. Portland especially and other large cities in Oregon are an embarrassing mess of poor decision making, lack of common sense and embracement of values that are not in Oregon's traditional values.

I implore you to NOT pass a Cap and Trade Bill.... IT WOULD BE BAD FOR THE CITIZENS OF OREGON!

Sincerely,
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emergency clause

- A statement added to the end of a [measure](#) which causes the [act](#) to become effective before the accustomed date. An emergency clause either sets a specific date or is effective immediately, which means that the [measure](#) will take effect on the date of its signature into law. NOTE: emergency clauses may not be attached to bills which would raise revenue.
- *Oregon State Legislature*¹