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Hello, Senate interim Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

My name is Steven Coalman from Clatskanie Oregon and I would like to express my concerns with LC19. My family, as well as several neighbors and coworkers in our surrounding communities would greatly be affected with the higher costs associated with the enhanced taxes on all fuels that would be effected by (LC19).

An increase of 7-14% for natural gas and propane would fall on Oregon families, hospitals, industries, school districts, and farm processing. This alone impacts our local communities greatly. Higher rates on fuel (gasoline, diesel, propane) along with the proposed carbon and emission regulations would also have devastating negative effects on our Logging, Trucking, Fishing, Mining, and milling industries which would create a trickle down effect that would have a negative impact on the entire state.

Aside from the rise in fuel costs and additional taxation to our local communities, the closing of state timber lands to gain revenue by selling carbon tax credits is also an unacceptable option. Our state timber lands provide jobs, revenue to our school districts, and managed correctly prevent fire hazards. Unmanaged forests create a fuel source that, as in the state of California, can turn into mega forest fires that burn out of control causing loss of life, and unimaginable devastation to property and land.

In the best interests of myself, my family, my neighbors, our towns and local communities, I urge you to save our livelihoods and our choice to live in rural Oregon by Standing up and saying no to this poorly written piece of legislation.

Sincerely Steven Coalman