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To whom it may concern-

This email is forwarded at the suggestion of Rep. Boshart.

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Dear Senator Courtney-

I have recently received a summary of the LC19, a proposed redo of last year's Cap & Trade legislation. As you know, this legislative proposal will have no perceptible impact on global climate. Oregon's carbon footprint is insignificant in the grand scheme of CO2 generation and sequestration and these manipulations around the edges provided by LC19 are trivial in the extreme. They are so trivial that the atmospheric effects would not be measurable even if our best people set their minds and Oregon treasure to the task. Yet the legislation would require significant additions to government, the collection of new moneys and the redistribution of those funds to those hand picked by the drafters of the legislation. For all the upheaval and transfers of money, we won't know of the benefits to our air because they will not be measurable, which means: there are none.

Some things will be measurable, however, starting with costs to the average Oregonian. Remember her, the one that gets nothing from this legislation? She just pays the bills; like an estimated initial 7% to 14% percent increase natural gas, Oregon's principal home heating fuel. And, by design, these initial increases will go up though the years. Or an initial \$0.22/gallon increase in motor fuel prices which will escalate over time also. These are real costs going to underwrite someone's pipedreams of a future world that won't get 1.5 C warmer than it was in 1990. What a relief to the single mom to know her kids new shoes went to such a meaningful speculation! And whether she lives in Portland or outside she is unlikely to have the option to give up gasoline and jump on MAXX or a local bus line. Like for most, it is just not feasible.

You may think LC19 is just a rework of last year's near miss legislation which, but for some cranky

absentee Republicans, would have passed. What LC19 looks like from outside Salem is boondoggle legislation being put in place to fund an unneeded expansion of state government, assuage guilt, or soothe an ego with distributions of the abundant new revenue to the special friends of State leadership. In other words, it actually looks like a payoff using taxpayer money. What else can the average citizen think? There will be NO benefit to them.

As an Oregon taxpayer that wants the best for its citizens and business, this is law is a disaster. It will financially penalize the average citizen, drive up costs for every business, drive other businesses away, while still others turn around at the border. This outcome is as predictable as sunrise. Scrap LC19 and its progeny.

Most sincerely,

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