

Dear Legislatures,

I am writing regarding the Cap & Trade legislation that the State of Oregon is looking at imposing on the citizens of Oregon.

This legislation for the gas tax increase will be a huge impact on most citizens in the state and will be hardship for a lot of us on the East side of the state, as we travel longer distances for our jobs. I have to travel 260 miles usually once a week for my private business and some times twice a week. This gas increase will force me to increase my costs to my customers, which our community is already low income.

The 50% natural gas cost increase will extremely hurt the elderly and low income families and put more strain on the State of Oregon to help them out with their heating costs.

The State of Oregon has to realize that you CAN NOT continue to raise the taxes and fees of the people of this state to pay for unbalanced budget and PERS retirement fund that you the State of Oregon negotiated. You are also looking at a new Medicaid for all of Oregonians. The state can not afford either. As some point the State of Oregon has to STOP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! spending more money and look at how to generate more revenue from new businesses and people moving to the state.

Let's balance the budget within our current revenue.

I urge you to vote no on these new spending and new taxing bills.

Sincerely,

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