

Dear Committee Members:

I am opposed to the "Cap & Trade" bill because it doesn't address the communities and peoples who are still struggling to get by. As taxes and costs increase, our wages aren't increasing with them. Health insurance alone continues to go up every year at 15-30%! And even our elected officials realize the problem with the cost of housing, which is why there's a rent cap bill in the works, which I think is a good idea.

With this bill, our heating will go up about 11% (estimated). As it stands, my neighbors and myself feel cold in the winter because we can't afford to keep the heat in the 70s, because in order to do that, we'd have to pay \$200-\$300 a month. Also, gasoline prices will rise and we're already in the top 6% in regards to our country's average cost for gasoline. This could cause tourists to rethink coming to our beautiful state and hurt the tourist trade. It will certainly hurt the low income families in our city, since we don't have public transportation to rely on!

I request that our elected officials address how to offset these costs and concerns before coming up with a bill that deals with climate change. Once the great number of lower income citizens are protected from falling further into the cracks, a solution can be revisited.

Thank you for reviewing my grave concerns,

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