

Good Morning:

I live in the small rural town of Madras in Central Oregon and have lived here my entire life. There is a great divide in Oregon, the Cascade Mountain Range is the dividing line. The Western side of Oregon dictates what happens in all of Oregon, I suspect that the concerns of us in Central and Eastern Oregon fall on deaf ears of the Western politicians who control this state.

The cap and trade bill your considering is nothing but a tax on the citizens of Oregon and especially a hard tax on the citizens East of the Cascade Mountains. Most of the items that we need daily are delivered by truck, including groceries, clothes, gasoline, diesel, agricultural products required to grow crops and then to deliver to Western Oregon for shipment to foreign markets. Our choices are also limited as to where we can shop and purchase these items. The bill before you will have a much higher cost on this side of Oregon than in heavily populated areas of Western Oregon where shipping costs are less, simply because the distance is much less.

Cap and Trade is disguised as an environmental need, it is nothing but a tax, a tax that will drive up costs of all goods that all Oregonians need. Tax, Tax, Tax is all the legislators can think of, how about thinking of ways to curb spending, live within a realistic budget, do without some things, this is what we have to do with our incomes and should this pass, we'll have to decide what we must cut from our budget to pay for yet another TAX.. Please do not allow this TAX to placed upon the citizens of Oregon.

Sincerely

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