

Dear Committee members,

I am an Oregon resident and have studied the proposed Cap and Trade legislation which you folks are presently reviewing. It is obvious that the proposed plan will negatively impact thousands of Oregonians in the worst way. For once, please think outside of the box (the Willamette Valley) and consider the tens of thousands of Oregon rural residents who live, work and run businesses in Southern, Central, and Eastern Oregon. Please do not vote for this bill. Oregon has the third highest income tax in the United States. Our property tax law is stifling many of us. Adding any additional monetary burdens to the cost of living for our fixed income community will simply be folly.

Ending coal fired energy - Ok. Increasing renewable energy - Ok. But, this Cap & Trade idea - No, No, No.....Please NO!!!! It will increase our fuel costs, cause a loss of businesses, and stifle our agricultural development and growth. A state without a positive economic growth plan that provides jobs and security for its non-government workers is a state that cannot continue to prosper for long. This Cap & Trade bill does little if anything for economic growth and in fact will hinder it a great deal....

Find a better way.....PLEASE!

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