

To Whom It May Concern:

This shall be received as my written testimony to the Public Record concerning the Legislative Hearing of House Bill 2020 in Medford, Oregon on February 23, 2019.

I strongly protest passage of HB 2020. If my silence is my consent, I will no longer be silent. HB 2020 is an attack on the citizens of the State of Oregon, and I and many other Oregonians reject it for some of the following reasons:

1) NW Natural Gas has studied HB 2020 and reports that "The cost impact of the current proposal would be severe..." and "...Residential natural gas customers would have a \$74 rate increase...and small business owners would have a

\$338 increase by 2021." This relentlessly punishes lower and middle class Oregonians and small businesses throughout the state!

2) HB 2020 will penalize most companies that grow or make things in Oregon by unnaturally attempting to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. It will jeopardize our already fragile state economy.

3) According to the Director of OSU's Climate Change Research Institute, a cap-and-trade program in Oregon would do almost nothing to impact global climate change. Also, the Oregon Association of Nurseries reports that the whole state

of Oregon is responsible for a mere 0.14 percent of the world's carbon emissions. With these studies in mind, does it make sense to rape and pillage the citizens of Oregon? Doesn't HB 2020 violate your fiduciary responsibility to do no harm?

4) HB 2020 is clearly a punitive action that amounts to felony theft by the Legislature. The fact that it would be handed over to a cabal of unaccountable bureaucrats to "manage" makes it even less appealing and truly frightening.

The State of Oregon does not need this Bill which will hurt people on lower and fixed incomes as well as people who are struggling to make ends meet. We don't need another political entity to waste and steal our hard-earned money. I reject HB 2020!

Sincerely,

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