

To The Committee of the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee:

I am Blaine Huffman and my wife Ann Huffman and we own a small grocery store in Prairie City, Grant County.

I believe that the Cap and Trade Bill would be a bad decision for us in Oregon. I think that we would lose a lot of business to other States or Countries. We are a remote county in eastern Oregon and for us to receive supplies into our businesses it takes trucking. The price of fuel would go up and the cost of all goods will go up. We need ways to encourage business to come into our state not penalize them. So you make them buy permits and trade or sell them to each other and the state takes the money and does what with it? Instead of helping these businesses come up with an affordable solution you penalize them, which puts more hardship on the business.

I believe that we could take better care of our forest which would in turn help take some of those carbons out of the air and give us oxygen. We here in Grant have watched over a 100,000 acres burn up, now that's a bit of carbons being put into our atmosphere. We don't attack fires we control fires and then they get out of hand. If the men that make their livelihood in the forest products were allowed to put those fires out, we would have a lot less fires.

The government does not need to control every part of our lives; it is true we need to have a government but sometimes they need to back off. Come up with a solution for these companies or individuals to create a better product that a better way to make that product and to be competitive with the world. Don't penalize them and take the blood money and squander it. We need people to have jobs available for them to work not to get on the social band wagon.

Thanks for Your Time
Blaine Huffman