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Co chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee

My name is Evelyn O'Toole and I am writing as a single, retired person on fixed income . I moved to Oregon from California because the living expenses there had become too outrageous. You seem to be trying to duplicate their excess here.

I am vehemently **opposed** to HB 2020 because if implemented it would put extreme hardship on all retired people living on a fixed income. We worked hard all our lives and find it punitive for you to burden us with additional taxes . As I understand it, the cap and trade law would raise % 550 million in new revenue for the government with no accountability for how lawmakers and government employees would spend the money. The law states that any revenue producing endeavor needs to have **public approval**. So why don't you have people vote on the issue???

I also fear that your measure will threaten the livelihood for Agricultural businesses, since they will not be able to recoup the increased prices of fuel. Tis, it will turn Oregon into an economic wasteland. State legislators have a **fiduciary duty and obligation** to treat citizens equally and not to benefit one group over the other.

I furthermore believe that there is no conclusive proof that the "so called" Global Warming has anything to do with carbon emission or human actions, or that HB 2020 will have any remedial impact on it. There was global warming and cooling for millennia , long before you could blame it on cars!

Additionally, I believe that good forest management would have prevented the atrocious fires I have had to live through for the past few years. If they had allowed the timber to be harvested, roads could have been maintained and the fires would not have gotten so out of hand if they had the dead wood taken our. No fuel, not fires ... that is elementary. I have not been able to enjoy a summer since I moved here because of the fires. I had to stay indoors , I felt threatened and vulnerable. The role of government is to protect its citizenry , and not to threaten and impoverish them.

Thank you for giving this letter your attention,

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