

Dear Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction,

My name is Darrell John Built. I was born in Oregon in February of 1966 in Lakeview, Oregon, and have been a resident ever since. I have held various jobs throughout my years here in Oregon, including working in the Agriculture Industry, the Timber Industry, the Manufacturing Industry, and have worked in the Fuel/Fuel Transport Industry for the past 20+ Years. I have witnessed much in my 35 Years of working in this state, and have appreciated what the State of Oregon has done for me to provide me with a Safe Environment in which to raise my Family, and Work. I enjoy many Hobbies in the great outdoors here in our Beautiful State, such as hunting, fishing, hiking, skiing, and so much more. I have traveled this Great State from top to bottom, and from the Coast to the High Desert in the East. I have paid my taxes, voted for those that I see helping this Great State, and worked hard to be a productive member of society for our State of Oregon.

I am writing to You on behalf of all of Oregon to implore You to not let Bill 2020 pass, in the interest of all who are productively working hard to make a better life in this Beautiful State. Passing Bill 2020 would have dire consequences for All industries in Oregon, as it will impact their bottom lines in a negative manner, and will make them severely uncompetitive if they export any products out of Our State. A cap and trade program will also increase the cost to each and every Oregonian as they go to get fuel at the gas station. They will also be paying higher prices on any products that are shipped into Our Great State, as transporters will pass along the cost of the extra cost added to their fuel through this cap and trade program. Oregon has had it's fair share of setbacks, and there are areas in Oregon that are already struggling with high unemployment, and other disadvantages to bringing more business to their communities. Please don't bring about legislation detrimental to the livelihoods of most rural workers, and to those who are already struggling to get by in our Wonderful Big Cities across this State. Someone who does not understand the implications of this program, and who can't comprehend the added cost that such a program would bring to their own family finances, may unwittingly stand in support of this bill, but in the long run they will be sorry for doing so, and will take it out on the politicians with their ballots, when they realize the added cost to them personally, brought about by this bill, and the cap and trade program. Great improvements in our fuels, and in Our Air Quality are already being attained through the current Oregon Low Carbon Fuel Standard program. Fuel Companies across Our Great State are working to develop cleaner fuels, and have invested great amounts of money to ensure that they are doing their part. Their only choice under the cap and trade program is to pass along these additional, burdensome costs to their customers, without any guarantee of cleaning up our Oregon Air/Climate. This bill is just a penalty, not actually a solution for cleaner air/climate. You only have to look south at the California Cap and Trade program to see that this program is not a solution to the problem. The California Air Resources Board has stated that the Cap and Trade program has not been able to achieve the goals that they have put in place. A program that merely penalizes without any real way to develop a positive plan, or solution to the problem is destined to fail. We have a program currently in place that rewards companies for being "green/clean" in Our Oregon Low Carbon Fuel Standards program.

Please take a look at the following bullet points that should help to lead You to be in opposition to Bill 2020 in Oregon:

- We rank 13th in the country for energy use per capita
- Between 2000 and 2016 our population increased by 19%, GDP increased by 97% and our energy consumption declined by 12.5%. This was done with less than 8% coming from solar or wind.
- This bill will collect over **\$550 million** annually from Oregonians
- The amount will start around \$0.16 per gallon and increase until the year 2035 as a penalty for not converting to another energy source. This could ramp up to \$1 - \$2 per gallon of additional tax in the next 15 years. This is a penalty for not choosing the energy source the state wants you to.

- Fossil Fuels are the best energy source for the human race. Every other energy source has severe consequences or is a poor investment. Nothing packs the amount of BTU's that fossil fuels does for the price or the cost on the environment.
- Electrification is "just kicking the can down the road". Where does that electricity come from? Currently about 30% of Oregon's electricity is derived from coal. We are removing dams that provide reliable hydroelectricity. Wind and solar cannot replace either of these but the burden of electrification would cripple our power grid.
- Electrification is a loss of freedom!! Your mobility will be tracked and controlled by someone else. Do not stand for this.
- It has been proven that other states that have passed similar legislation have not had an impactful change in their environment. Why would Oregon try to do something that has not been proven to work?

In summary, please consider Your actions carefully for the future, and the betterment of all Oregonians by NOT allowing Bill 2020 to pass in Oregon. We are counting on You to do what is best for all Oregonians who You, as elected officials, have so graciously decided to serve. Thank You for Your time, and consideration. Have a Blessed Day!

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