

To Whom this may Concern,

My name is Amie Wood and I work for a Petroleum company (Mobil) and I have been informed of a House Bill wanting to go into affect with the sum of the Bill being removing all gas powered vehicles. I do not understand this personally. Much like the straw ban in California. How is taking away Gas powered vehicles going to help save the planet or impact the planet? In the state of Oregon as of 2019 there are give or take 4.26 Million. There are 4.1 million registered vehicles and 3.1 licensed drivers. That means that there are 1.16 million people that either walk ride a bike take public transportation or carpool. In Portland Oregon alone there are 632,309 alone, out of that 442,616.3 people drive themselves. I live in Grant county. The total population here is 7,910 we have an average of two cars per household. In this county we truly get all four seasons. Winter, Spring, Fall, and Summer. In the winter time i have seen the temperature drop to -13 and lower in some towns. However, I've have also seen the temperature climb to 119 F. I bring this up because if a family of lets say four people, a mom a dad a daughter and a son were to travel in an electric car and get stuck in the snow the can stay warm for a couple of hours in their nice electric car. but what happens if you run out of electricity. you can not make a fire out of it by siphoning the tank. With a gas powered vehicle (not all of them) but most you can siphon out a drop or two and that drop or two means staying warm for a couple more hours until help arrives or fire for food or, or, or....

I am not saying that this Bill will affect my job (I already know it will) but what I am saying is that the planet is going to the south end of the north pole. We know that our planet is not healthy. But we can not stop it by a mediocre plan to make the citizens that rely on gas to be taxed. Which by the way our poverty rate was 13.2% in 2018 give or take. How is taxing the american people that live in Oregon going to help with Oregon's poverty? Its not that is how. If you take money from those that are poor doesn't that still make them poor. What about the people who can not afford an electric car. Is the government going to provide that for the lower income families or expect us to pay out of our holy pockets? Who gets this money that we are privileged to be forced to give up? Do the higher ups in the Oregon government get the same treatment? Are they the ones that are going to benefit from this tax? Also how much will it be to convert our cars into electric Powered? What is going to happen to all of the cars that are gas powered? are they going to be demolished? If so what are the scraps and the rest of the car going to be recycled into. will this inflate our aluminum prices or decrease it? What does this mean for our Emergency vehicles? What if they are not charged in time to help a person in need? what if the power goes out during a storm and Jane Doe needs to take her child to the doctor but her vehicle is not charged? What if that child dies? is that going to be neglect from the mother or the government?

I am wondering exactly whose idea was this? was this the whole of the American people that thought of this? Was it the whole of Oregonians that decided this? This is why i hate voting I still vote where I vote but I can tell you that this last election for Kate Brown, nobody in my county wanted her except a select few same with the surrounding counties. Portland and Salem area voted her in. So how is that fair? if Portland decides this, our fate is Sealed. you are going to have more ghost towns more poverty more casualties more unemployment and more garbage to just throw onto earth..... The economy wont see an increase. if anything you are just going to see very angry people. So here is my solution. Stop trying to make 4 year old solutions. If you want to save the planet and you really and truly care for mother earth then show her. Start giving out harsher fines for littering. Start fining cruises and shipping ships that ship nothing but garbage across our dirty ocean. If and oil company has a minor major oil leak fine them heavily. If they do it again shut them down period. We will never run out of hungry business men and women who want nothing more then everyone's money and no one having any of their own money. Why not instead of fining and taxing and cars and vehicles you start converting ships and boats into electricity powered. Same with planes. Makes a lot of since doesn't it? About as much since as the purposed bill huh?

No matter what happens I just hope that the legislative part of Oregon actually reads this. I know that I am just an ant under some guys foot getting pressed down and my thoughts do not really matter but I personally would like to think that you read this and consider this. I also know that as a 27 year old I have not seen the world and all of its glory, nor do I know everything. However I would really appreciate a reply to my email stating that you have read this. I may have some misspelled words and not the best grammar but it was our public schools that taught me So shouldn't we think to put our funds where it matters. and not to the teachers either. I mean the students. But this is a separate subject that should be dealt with at a later date.

Thank you for reading my message and for hearing Oregonians speak their minds. I hope that everyone is staying warm with their electric gas and wood heat on these cold winter months. I appreciate the opportunity and will hope to hear from you soon regarding this matter. Have a very pleasant day.

~Sincerely Amie Wood