

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power and Members of the Committee

I attended the Carbon Reduction meeting in Medford, Oregon this past Saturday, the 23rd of February. I have already submitted written testimony. However, after hearing some of the comments given by the citizens in favor of HB2020, I was so taken aback by the blatant inaccuracy of some of their comments, I felt I needed to comment again to address the outright misinformation or perhaps even lies. In particular, in regards to the statement made by several of the people of how the price of gas in California decreased after the implementation of their Carbon Tax laws. I know of what I speak as I am a transplant from California. The price of a gallon of gas dropping had nothing to do with the Carbon Tax, the price of a barrel of oil dropped significantly because of more production (and fracking) not the Carbon Tax.

Here are the average prices of a barrel of oil:

2013 \$98

2014 \$89.63

2015 \$46.34

2016 \$38.17

Currently California has the highest average price of gas per gallon in the nation at \$3.285 while 80% of gas stations in the country sell gas at \$2.50 per gallon or less. How's that Cap and Tax working out for you?

As it is Oregon is already one the highest priced states for gas.

Currently, 90% of the other states have cheaper gas than Oregon. We

have the 5th highest price and California is still 40 cents/gallon more expensive according to AAA.

An increase of even half of this differential would be massively punitive and damaging to those in Oregon who can least afford it.

In closing, I do have one question for you. Why is it necessary to make this an emergency law? We know that Oregon is already one of the cleanest states in terms of emissions. It is not a matter of life and death. Could it be that in your tyrannical way you do not want the citizens to have the opportunity to rescind this confiscatory and ill-advised legislation by an initiative? This is a gross misuse of Oregon's emergency provision. This is shameful.

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