



County Court of Grant County
Scott W. Myers, County Judge
Jim Hamsher, Commissioner
Sam Palmer, Commissioner

February 28, 2019

Chairman and Committee Members,

The proposed Cap and Trade Bill, HB 2020, is a complex piece of legislation that will affect everyone in Oregon for the rest of their lives, especially rural areas in eastern Oregon.

While we commend you on the outreach and meetings held throughout the State, the eastern Oregon counties have been treated unfairly. There were a minimal number of meetings set-up and then an hour time limit was imposed. In Baker City alone, there were over 300 citizens that attended the meeting on February 25, 2019, but only 30 were able to testify given the 1-hour time limit.

We are requesting that meetings with representatives in attendance be held in Baker, La Grande, Pendleton, Burns, Ontario, and John Day without a set time limit. Everyone deserves to be heard.

HB 2020, as it is proposed, is going to be devastating to our rural communities. This legislation will impact lives and livelihoods and create undue hardships for an ineffective and expensive plan. Please make sure you hear from everyone before this travesty takes effect.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Scott W. Myers".

Scott W. Myers
County Judge on behalf of the Grant County Court