

February 21, 2019

Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

2019 Oregon State Legislature

**Re: HB 2020**

Dear Co-Chairs, Vice Chairs and Committee Members,

I do not consent to the Oregon 2019 HB 2020.

It has been suggested that as soon as the bill passed it would declare an emergency on less than two-tenths of one percent of GLOBAL CO2 emissions. The issue surrounding all this is not a settled science. As a matter of fact, it's hotly disputed. It might affect our planet a speck - nothing. How could this possibly be an emergency in the first place?

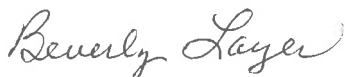
But since this HB 2020 Cap and Trade legislation is really about redistribution of the people's money in Oregon, the Special Interests called Stakeholders are sending in their suggestions concerning the construction of HB 2020 - so as to help it be written according to their advantages. I've read some of their letters on the state legislative website under HB 2020. There are so many factors who knows what the bill will look like if it were to pass? The bill is as disputed as the science behind it. This is so confusing and complicated with numerous factors. I'm only going to mention a couple.

As complicated and confusing as this issue is, some things seem pretty certain. For example, the expenses of everyday people and businesses will go up - way up. Just PGE's rate impact shows a possible increase of 27% for residences in just eleven years. Some businesses are expected to fold. Some businesses and people who can will leave - maybe many. You might have fewer tax payers - you'll definitely have many that you helped cripple. Many are predicting cap and trade will increase unemployment and the economy of Oregon will go down. However, some suggest that after about a generation when new clean energy companies settle in to Oregon things will perk up - as the Rogue Valley's Alan Journet of SOCAN professed in one of his editorials. However, I look at this as too big a price for current generations to pay for a mere 2/10 of 1% of GLOBAL CO2 emissions - not something to celebrate.

Another issue in the long line of red flags is Governor Kate Brown and her unaccountable executive Climate Policy Office. They will centralize the power and it sounds like they will have no oversight. Remember Rough and Ready? It was a local Southern Oregon outcome that arose from law made in Oregon - a small example but a worthy one. Oregon rules were made. Federal law was at play as well. Maybe some collaboration was involved too. Taxpayer money was redistributed as a bailout to the owners and a non-profit named Ecotrust. Those two were allowed to do as they saw fit. The project had many red flags - just like HB 2020 has. The owners and Ecotrust were the unaccountable executive office so-to-speak. No oversight was allowed. The bailout failed and the business closed. Who won? Special Interests Stakeholders of course - the owners of Rough and Ready and Ecotrust in this case. Who lost? The people as usual.

Should I really be expected to trust our legislature and Governor Brown and her executive Climate Policy Office to mess with more of the people's money and possibly help turn many lives upside-down for such a miniscule return as is predicted (despite your flawed study out of Berkeley)? I do believe that such a law enacted in Oregon would be harsh on the everyday non-Stakeholder people of the state and I definitely don't consent to something so extreme, expensive and complicated. I hope you show concern for the people who call Oregon home right now and vote no on HB 2020.

Thank you for taking input.



Beverly Layer, citizen of Southern Oregon

368 Silver Creek Dr.

Central Point, Or 97502