

Members of the Committee, and my fellow Southern Oregon taxpayers,

My name is Mary Paradis and we own a small farm here in the Rogue Valley.

I'm here today to express my concerns about measure HB2020, and how detrimental the impact will be on all Oregonians but especially Southern Oregon.

My husband and I were born and raised here, in Medford. After college we left our beautiful valley for Graduate school, lived in Salem 3 years and then moved on to pursue careers, in Portland.

For eight years, we watched that beautiful city become a dirty, filthy and a dangerous place to live, and all because of poorly written policies not unlike HB2020.

In 1993, we returned home to the Rogue Valley, to raise our 4 children. We never looked back, but now, we are being threatened with the punitive rules and regulations packed into HB2020.

The legislators and lobbyists, who are trying to shove HB2020 down the throats of their constituents, MUST and WILL be made to understand, how intrusive and damaging this legislation is and adding a 16 cent gas tax will effectively Punish middle and low income families, who are Already struggling to Eat and heat their homes.

In order to offset these fuel taxes, businesses will necessarily pass along the fuel increases to the consumer, which will affect everything we buy including food, clothing and the heating of our homes.

It will destroy our Smaller businesses, while exempting the Largest and Wealthiest corporations like INTEL, located in the Richest cities, in both Multnomah and Marion counties.

At the same time, the damaging policies in HB2020 will harm our last, greatest industry, our Agricultural, farming businesses. We Feed Portland! And because of the previously legislated theft, of our lands and its resources, that Also came Crashing down upon us from Salem, We here, in Southern Oregon rely on the few job creators left, Agriculture and Harry & David.

I DO believe in the pursuit of green energy, in fact we are in the process of having solar put onto our barn, however, we all know green is not perfected or improved upon enough to support all of our energy needs and in fact, at this point, green could NOT replace clean natural gas and clean fossil fuels without devastating rural communities. (which by the way, YOU who are driving, electric/fossil fuel cars use more coal/fossil fuels, than we do every day).

Understanding the consequences of HB2020 is Imperative. This legislation will Crush the citizens of Southern Oregon that You swore under oath, to protect.

When you were elected, the oath you took Compels you to protect the citizens of this state and you bear that Fiduciary duty to all of us, not just in the Urban Northern Counties, where you reside.

I can only conclude you really Do dislike Southern Oregonian's and will Never represent us and that this Bill is a Vindictive way of showing it.

Lastly, I and my Fellow, Yellow vests, very much care about our environment, our community, our state and how all of these, which makes us Oregonians, are being governed from afar.

Thank You For Your Time