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Dear Governor Brown,

I was unable to attend your hearing in Baker City, OR last week as I was working. I really wished you had come in the evening so those of us who own businesses could have attended.

I am most certainly against this bill.

I have read the pros and cons and there are just too many against it for this to be a wise decision on your part. I am already "feeling" the effects of your "living wage". I am all for a "living wage". However, if you expect small businesses to stay in business and continue to keep up with the increase, there has to be some sort of adjustment and/or compensation on our end. Here is the result now. I am working more hours as the owner because I cannot afford to pay another employee. Essentially, it has taken away 1 job in Baker City. On any given week I work between 50-60 hours. When averaged out, I make \$8.40 per hour. Where is my living wage Governor Brown? I've had zero compensation for your increase.

Now, were looking at MANY additional financial burdens for rural Oregonians if this House Bill 2020 passes. I've looked at the benefits and it seems laughable that you could actually think people will line up and scream, "Yes! I'm in!"

From my research I've learned about some of the repercussions. i.e.

- \*Higher gas prices, (highest in the nation I might add)
- \*An increased burden on agricultural operations meaning higher grocery store prices. Have you been to our grocery stores here? As an example, I pay \$1.00 for ONE cucumber here. At Winco in Nampa, ID, they are .39 cents.
- \*An increase in natural gas prices, (some say 54%!),
- \*Loss of a significant # of jobs to our area, (Ash Grove Plant). These are the highest paying jobs in our area and the only main industry other than the government jobs. If we lose that plant, it will be the end of Baker City.
- \*The shifting of production to other states and countries that don't give a rip about this. We would STILL have the emissions and destroy ourselves in the process.

Quoted below are the ONLY benefits I've discovered for this bill. When I read this, it breaks my heart for Baker City and the town I've raised my kids in. I really don't see how this will trickle down to us and benefit us in any way.

"Last week a Seattle environmental think tank, Sightline, release estimates finding that for every

\$1 million in cap-and-trade revenue that might be spent on bike infrastructure, Oregonians would save \$2.8 million in health care costs, 12 jobs would be added to the economy and emissions equivalent to 665 cars would be cut. Every \$1 million invested in solar energy would power 1,667 homes. It would cut 4,392 tons of carbon emissions and add 19 jobs."

We already feel as though we are not represented in "Oregon." There are many little towns that make up "Oregon." It's not just Portland. Please represent us!!! Make all of us a factor in your decision. Keep Baker City alive!

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