



March 7, 2019

Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis
900 Court St. NE, H-389
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Rep. Boshart Davis.

The Albany Area Chamber represents over 530 businesses and 25,000 employees in our area, with many of those employees working at local manufacturers. As president of the Albany Area Chamber I meet regularly with those business owners and their employees. For over a year the majority of those discussions have been on what is now HB 2020 and the significant negative impacts cap-and-trade will have on businesses, their employees and families.

Studies have clearly shown that implementing a cap-and-trade program will hurt our families and businesses in many ways. The program will cause a 16 cent per gallon increase in gasoline, double digit increases in natural gas rates, and the additional burden of companies having to pay higher energy and operating costs for a program that will have no effect on Oregon's emissions. The additional financial burdens that manufacturers and other businesses will have under cap-and-trade will lead to the elimination of jobs, hurting Oregon families.

In a state that is already a leader in renewable energy and where industries have already spent millions and millions on greatly improving their low carbon emissions it is irresponsible for the Oregon Legislature to continue down this path.

In short, HB 2020 will penalize companies that make or grow things in Oregon and making and growing things is the backbone of the Albany area economy. On behalf of the Albany Area Chamber I ask you to vote NO on HB 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Steele". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning.

Janet Steele
President