Co-Chairs Senator Kathleen Taylor and Representative Jeff Reardon and members of the Committee

HB 2020A cap and invest – I STRONGLY OPPOSE

This bill requires large polluters that exceed the cap to trade credits with companies that are under the cap in order to avoid fines from the state. This doesn't reduce emissions, but merely spreads the emissions at the expense of our economy. This idea is to squeeze the polluters with less availability of permits declining over time, but by that time you will have driven them out of business or out of the state. In doing so, you allow replacement products from China and elsewhere that produces more greenhouse gas in making the same product.

The benefit that the money raised from permits would be spent on projects to promote clean energy is a socialist theory of spreading the wealth having government picking and choosing winners and losers.

It is time the legislature take a look at current scientific developments and give up the stuck-in-the-muck phony science the U.N. admits was contrived to specifically take down the U.S. By continuing to feed the false climate theories of CO2, you are helping the agenda to bring down Oregon into poverty of a socialist state. We are headed where Venezuela is – an economic crisis.

Professor Ian Clark, at the Canadian For Liberty Conference, provides facts to a committee on the environment. His facts conclude that CO2 is not the cause of climate change. Why? Because evidence shows that CO2 readings lag climate change by 800 years – making CO2 the result of changes, not the driver.

The IPCC model projections shows Greenhouse gas is made up of several gases of which CO2 is very minor. The strongest gas is water vapor. Water vapor in the model amplifies CO2 at 4 times that of water vapor feedback, which has never been documented or seen in geological records as a valid response. It's a faulty hypothesis that is used to project global warming based on CO2.

The planet without greenhouse gases would be unlivable at about 30 degrees below zero. Water vapor retains heat from the earth's activities throughout the day and releases it at night keeping the atmosphere livable. CO_2 makes up about two percent where water does all the work. Focusing on CO_2 in the atmosphere is deceptive because CO_2 cannot give us the warming that is being projected and IPCC has expressed uncertainty in the model. CO_2 is more than a benign gas. It is an essential nutrient for plants, and within reasonable limits has only beneficial effects for life.

What is driving climate changes – up and down? Solar activity tracks precisely with climate activity. "Unusual activity of the sun during recent decades compared exactly to the previous 11,000 years." Temperatures recorded for the past 1,000 years from the Greenland Ice Core correlates temperatures with solar activity.

Our efforts to limit the use of fossil carbon-based energy has solved no environmental problems, yet has created many more, including the accelerated production of ethanol. So I and many Oregonians are asking why. Why are we discussing putting Oregon into an economic disaster? Why are you considering driving businesses into bankruptcy or driving them out-of-state? Why would you think it helps Oregon in any way to raise the cost of fuel 30-50 cents per gallon? Why are you driving Oregon into socialism?

Oregon shows sector-based emissions are only 10% above 1990 levels of 56 million metric tons. But, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Oregon produced 38 million metric tons of carbon emissions from the use of fossil fuels, which ranks Oregon at 38th among the 50 states and the District of Columbia. That's already 32% below 1990 levels. What will it be in 800 years?

For all that pain, this bill would only mean reducing global CO_2 emissions by less than a quarter of one percent, if that, meaning we will still suffer all the harms of climate change anyway, if any, and we will simply have impoverished ourselves in the attempt.

PLEASE PUT WISDOM TO LOGIC AND VOTE NO!
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