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Sirs:

Yesterday I had the unique experience of attending the Timber Unity rally at the capital, opposing Cap and Trade. I also spoke at the public testimony in the afternoon.

During that public commentary session you were given many other options that do not include taxing hardworking Oregonians. You were also repeatedly urged to send this to the voters of Oregon to decide on their own.

We have been told that this is good for Oregon. That we desperately need to do this for our environment. But the only thing this bill does is add more money to the coffers and less money in hardworking Oregonian pockets while ensuring absolutely zero carbon reduction. You say it won't affect rural Oregon. Which is not true. You are somehow trying to justify adding more tax to an already overburdened Urban Oregon. You seem to think it is okay to add more burden to the load of thousands of single moms working two jobs and barely being able to pay rent in a trashy apartment, apparently not caring how she will feed her children. You think it is okay to add another burden to that young family starting out, wanting to buy a home and invest in their community. You think it is okay to add more tax to that couple that moved to the city to be closer to medical care, despite their limited income and inability to generate more. You think it is okay to add even more taxes to businesses within the urban areas that they now will not be able to put back into their communities. How many jobs will be lost here? How many businesses will have to fire workers? How many will have to close doors or choose to move out of state?

Oregon already leads the nation in Green Energy and Environmentally Sustainable practices. As another public commenter said "We were green before it was cool".

I find it insulting and offensive that we are being told we need to pay yet another bevy of taxes when we walk into our capital to plastic bags for umbrellas and not one recycle bin in sight. The hypocrisy is staggering.

You need to do one of two things. Either A- send this to the voters or B- drop it. Hardworking Oregonians, both rural and urban are sick of being taxed into oblivion.

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