

From: [Kim Warfield](#)
To: [HEE Exhibits](#)
Subject: NO ON HB4159
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Dear Committee Members;

I am writing to strongly oppose the current HB4159. It is no better than HB2020 and will not solve any problems concerning climate change.

A bill such as HB4159 "Cap & Trade" will be detrimental to Rural Oregon, and raise cost of living substantially. In the beginning it will raise gas prices by .20 cents plus per gallon, a undetermined increase in Utilities and cost the businesses of Oregon an astronomical \$700 million in new taxes. All on top of the CAT tax passed last year.

Please do not try to push this through the short session!

All Oregonians deserve to vote on such legislation that will effect all of us, and raise our Cost of Living in such extreme ways.

I am the 4th generation in my family that has been solely raised and supported by timber dollars. I am raising a 5th generation the same way! Currently as it is written, my family will not be able to continue to live with the increases. We live in Rural Oregon, have 5 children and currently pay \$500 a month in electricity for our home. Add in any more increases, and it is a direct strain on our family budget. Now to include the added .20 cents or more per gallon in gas, we are at almost \$200 more per month. If this goes thru and our industries are shut down, is the State of Oregon going to pay our mortgage, feed our children, pay for their extra curricular activities at school? I highly doubt it, it will leave us with little options to survive.

I have lived through the "Spotted Owl" in the 80's. The governments plan was to re-educate those who lost jobs, and get them into new fields. How well did that work? You can not take men and women who have worked with their hands outdoors their whole life and expect them to go sit at a desk 8 hours a day for minimum wage. They can not and will not, as it will not support their families. These are proud Oregonians who work hard to survive, and proudly support their families.

Regardless of what you legislators want to say, this bill will pass the increased cost of everything down the ladder. Ending with Rural Oregon, and ultimately ending our way of life. Our family can NOT afford anymore "taxes" and we can NOT afford to take any chance that our industries will suffer.

I strongly urge you all to Vote NO on this bill and any other bill that you have in session, or allow those of us who will be paying for it Vote on it.

Oregon does NOT need more taxes on the people, and tax breaks for the big corporations.

I ask again to NOT pass this bad bill! Oregon's Natural Resource businesses, Rural Oregon and Rural Families can NOT afford this.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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