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Greetings Senate Committee,

I am writing against the passage of SB 1530.

We all want a clean environment and to reduce carbon emissions. This bill is not the answer. First, there is no real evidence that this bill will even reduce carbon emissions. This bill is only about taxes. As a result of these higher taxes, everyone in Oregon will be affected. While many individuals and families will be able to afford the increases, there are still many more families that are already struggling to make ends meet, that will not be able to afford the increases. There are also many jobs that will disappear and small businesses that will be forced to close their doors.

If the goal is really about reducing carbon emissions, then our representatives should take the time to look at other options, and not just hurry up and pass this monstrous bill that will tax people to death. With this tax crushing families and businesses, many will look for better opportunities elsewhere. This will have a snowball effect on the Oregon economy. If people are taxed to this extreme and they leave the state, soon there will be far fewer left here to tax. Many of the people that will stay, will be those who are already on public assistance and do not even have the means to get out.

The other big problem with this bill is that there will be no transparency, with the records being sealed and hidden from the public. Large corporations from out of state being allowed to bid on the carbon credits is another problem. Having representatives appointed by the governor does not guarantee that we will have people that represent the various sectors of the public that will be affected.

Lets work together to find some REAL answers to lower Oregon's carbon emissions. Most Oregonians are already taking many steps to reduce. With this being such a hot topic, more and more people are making more and more changes. We do not need a tax to make this happen.

This great country was founded by people who were against big government, and taxation without representation. Thousands of patriots gave their lives and their livelihoods to ensure this freedom. Please do not dishonor the sacrifices of all those patriots.

Some facts to support this argument are below.

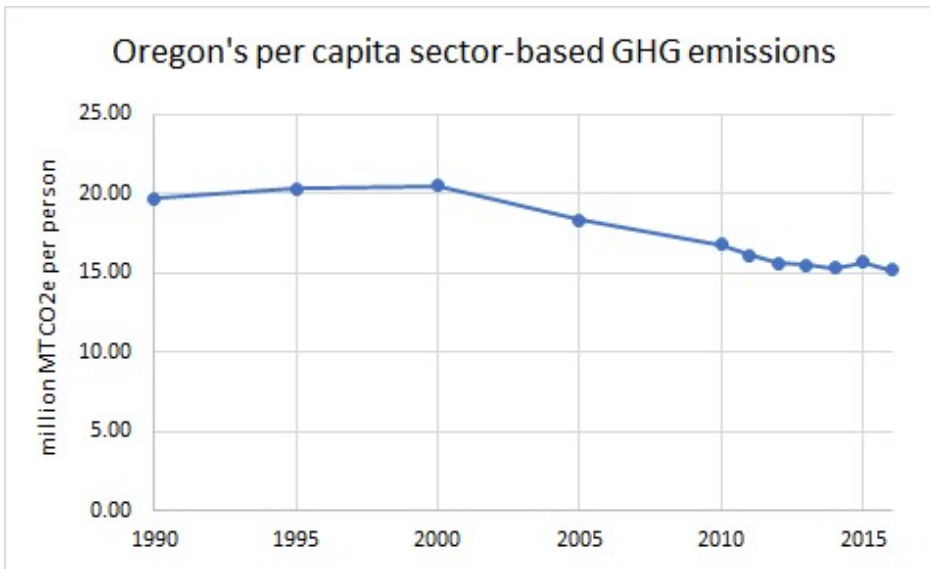
When measured on a per capita basis, Oregon GHG emissions in 2017 were actually 21% lower than 1990 levels. We have more than doubled the 10% emissions reduction goal and done so—three years ahead of the deadline.

When using only data provided by the Global Warming Commission through the year 2016, per capita emissions have declined by 22.8%.

Aggregate and per capita emissions tell two very different stories. The former creates the perception of a crisis and supports Governor Brown's aggressive climate change agenda, while the latter shows that individual Oregonians are making big strides in improving energy efficiency.

I hope this will help bring a much-needed, common sense, perspective to the ongoing debate

regarding Oregon's emissions and Cap and Trade.



I'm sure you are already familiar with Timber Unity's 4 point plan to reduce carbon emissions by the same amount without incurring any taxes.

I believe that all Oregonians want to ensure a clean future for generations to come. We can achieve that goal without a giant tax. We need leadership in our House and Senate that can make smart decisions based on real facts and help send the message that good decisions do not always mean new taxes.

Please stand up for all of us who want to lower emissions without higher taxes.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.

Sincerely,

Karen Schmidlin