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I am a lifelong citizen of Oregon and more specifically Tillamook and Clatsop Counties. I was a Soldier for 20 years, serving this great state in the ORARNG Active Duty until 2018 when I retired Honorably. In addition to my experience from the military, I hold a degree in Fire Science as well as Business Management and Marketing. I think it is important that you consider my testimony as relevant and likely the voice of many other Oregonians on the North Coast.

To sustain a community there needs to be three legs to the table; environment, economy, and community. If any one of these is out of balance the tabletop cannot stay level sending whatever you hold dear toppling over.

Oregon has been marching toward sustainable living for many years and that march has been led by real Oregonians, not topic-specific activists. Those Oregonians that for years have worked in the woods, on the oceans, in the fields and have made family businesses successful through education and pure hard work are the very Oregonians that look for ways to conserve and manage our natural resources so that their children and their grandchildren can have the choice to continue in the same businesses. That business in case you have forgotten is the business of providing food and shelter for those that don't know how to produce it themselves using locally harvested timber from the forest, seafood from the ocean, and crops from the fields. What will our state look like when these loggers, fishermen, and farmers are gone?

There are most definitely issues with human use and consumption in our world, with every action we have an impact. To include the impact of bad legislation like Cap and Trade. Cap and Trade in Oregon will not stop that consumption of goods. It will only serve to push best in class businesses out of our state to less environmentally ethical states or more likely less environmentally ethical countries.

When you push these jobs away you are taking away good family-wage jobs. Those jobs are many of the ones that hold our communities together. They are what help sustain our tax base as well as bring students to our schools, teachers for those students, nurses and doctors and parents to buy houses in our communities that then pay taxes for roads and schools and all manner of public benefit. People with family-wage jobs provide the ability for our communities to contribute to those less fortunate. What happens when they become the less fortunate? When you lay your head down tonight in whatever home you are in, consider the cost of housing our citizens and the rise in prices that will be felt by all. Consider your promises to help make housing affordable in Oregon and how Cap and Trade will make that goal so much harder.

When a person cannot afford to put a roof over their head they are not concerned with environmentally friendly shopping, proactive recycling, or other methods of conservation. When productive working Oregonians move to other states to follow jobs or because they simply can't afford to live in Oregon anymore, they take their skilled labor with them along with their economic investments in the community.

Do you know what happens when you overregulate your own local providers of food and shelter? You put them out of business. Once that happens the void is filled by foreign providers of those products. Effectively making the cost of goods and services higher environmentally, economically, and tearing apart what is left of our great community.

For those of you that truly care about the environment in the world, and want Oregon to lead the way in being Green, let this Oregonian tell you that we already were leading the way. But with SB1530 you will stop the stellar example of balancing the environment with economy and community that Oregon has been for decades. Other states do not look at California and say they want to follow in their legislative footsteps and soon they will look at Oregon the same if you do not consider the many who are speaking out against Cap and Trade legislation.

How is Cap and Trade really helping our environment? How is it helping Oregon's economy? How is this helping Oregon's communities? There are holes throughout the 177 pages of SB1530 in each of these categories so much so that it needs to be allowed to sink finally.

If I haven't been clear enough, I beg you to stop SB1530 from progressing further.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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