

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a fourth generation Oregonian. My great grandparents settled in the LaGrande area. They helped build up the area building not only the community but also their family. My great grandfather was one of the builders of the Freemont Power Station, near Granite. My great grandfather and grandfather logged. I have seen the areas that they logged and you would never know they had been there. My husband is also a fourth generation Oregonian. His people were the first to bring water to the Culver Valley for agriculture. His father worked in the timber industry for 40 years. My husband also works in the timber industry and has for 45 years starting when he was in high school. The point of my family history is to show that we are a family who have deep roots in this state.

My father and I have hiked extensively throughout the Cascades. We were hiking when Mt. St. Helens blew up. He taught me to love this state and take care of it. I have a deep love for the forests, streams, rivers. Being in the mountains is my happy place. I love to watch the wildlife and the changes to the forest. I also love watching the logging shows and returning to see how an area has grown since being logged. My husband, son and son-in-law love to fish in our beautiful waters.

I have traveled all over the world and there really is no place like home. Why then make such drastic changes to break what isn't broken? It is obvious that the cap and trade program in California has not worked. They have devastating fires, pollution and forestry practices that clearly don't work. Maybe that is why they are moving north. The Cap and Trade bill is bad. There is no thought to how hardworking Oregonians are going to be affected. It will raise prices of just about everything. It will put small businesses out of business. Our son and son-in-law work in blue color jobs that may end if this bill goes through because of the prices of materials. It may increase our already terrible homeless crisis because people lose their jobs.

I have been voting since I was 18. I was taught that we vote for someone who is going to represent me. That that person is my voice. After attending the Timber Unity rally and listening to the chatter on social media and through the news media, it has become obvious that our states legislators are not representing me or my peers. I ask **strongly** for your NO vote on HB417 a terrible bill that will affect so many people adversely. Your job is to understand your district and what do the people who voted for you want you to do. It's not what you think personally. I am so tired of feeling like we in the trenches are not being heard by our government. Please make the decision to protect family's livelihoods and Oregon's renewable resource, timber which supports our beautiful waterways. I have read the four-point plan developed by Timber Unity. A lot of actual thought went into offering a solution to a potential problem that really makes sense. I know a lot of people who would volunteer to plant trees. If the reason you vote yes is because of the money this bill will make then you need to find a new job or a new state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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