

I am writing today to show my extreme opposition to HB 4167 and any other SB or HB that has the same language "cap & trade".

This is a bad bill that will devastate Rural Oregon!

I am a small business owner that already operates on a very Small profit margin. With the increased CAT tax to now contend with, another tax on our business will likely shut us down!

I started my trucking business in 1976, we have raised 4 children with timber dollars and we now have grandchildren involved in our daily business. We survived the "spotted owl" but we will most likely NOT survive this cap and trade if passed.

If passed our small business will not be able to afford all of the increased costs associated with this bill, and we will likely see the end to our business we have worked the last 43 years for.

Passing this bill is in turn handing our 20 employees their pink slips and telling them to go on government assistance or try to find another way to support their families.

Oregon Elected Officials need to quit taxing the poor to make the rich, even richer.

When is too much, too much?

I ask you on to vote NO for not only myself, but for my family, my employees, our local timber industry, and all of Rural Oregon!

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