

I oppose HB4167, SB1530 and any other Cap and Trade Bills that are floating around in this short session.

My wife and I are in our 30s, both work great jobs and just bought a home over the summer. Right now we have some financial goals we are striving for in the next 10 years such as paying off debts and one day paying off her student loans from getting a masters degree for teaching. However with finding out how much gas and electricity could go up if HB4167 or ANY of these Cap and Trade bills pass, I am afraid of how that will impact those financial goals. To be honest, I'm personally afraid of not being able to afford to live here in Oregon one day with rising costs in utilities, fuel, goods and services. As of now there are businesses that are either shutting down (NORPAC Foods) or passing on the costs to the consumer of the business tax that was passed last year. The same thing will happen immediately if any of the Cap and Trade bills pass. And by the time we get any sort of tax rebate or relief (IF we do) the damage will already be done and can't be undone. What about our senior citizens, retirees and those who live off a fixed income?

One thing I have noticed over the years is all the people coming from California to live up here in Oregon. Why is that? Could it have something to do with a similar situation they faced where fuel, goods and services started to go up more and more when certain legislation passed. I mean housing and rent was bad enough, but many people had to choose between working multiple jobs and odd living arrangements to finally moving out of state they likely grew up in.

I don't want Oregon to become the next California where we will have to make tough choices and possibly move out of state in order to not live on the streets or move in with the inlaws and live off of them forever.

I'm not one for politics and following everything that goes on in Oregon, but thanks to the actions I have witnessed our representatives and the Governor, I am seeing the need to STAND UP for myself, my family and what's in the BEST interests of Oregonians. Why do you think Timber Unity was formed? I was there at the capital during their rally, had to take a day off work myself to show up there just like THOUSANDS of others did from all over Oregon. They have an excellent 4 point plan on how to deal with Climate Change that DOESN'T involve taxing all of us to death.

So if you haven't figured it out already, I OPPOSE ALL Cap and Trade bills that are in this short session and have asked your colleagues who oppose them to WALK if necessary to STAND UP for Oregonians. County Commissioners from all over Oregon are also saying NO to Cap and Trade. Legislators should too.

Sincerely,
Lee from Newberg