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HB 4167

Testimony against HB 4167

Representatives,

I am writing you with testimony against HB 4167. While climate change is real, it has been around for as long as the earth has been in existence. We are not at a point in time to declare climate change an emergency or crisis. We are not at a time to take extreme measures, that from the looks of the bill, will do nothing for climate change, yet raise a lot of money for the state.

This bill also directly attacks the citizens of Oregon, especially rural Oregon. We, the citizens, do not need additional costs that would be associated with this bill. We also need to keep our rural Oregon jobs that are largely based on natural resources.

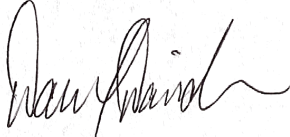
We need to find other ways to address our environment and climate. Fire clean up and planting trees in the areas that have been burned in the last several years. By cleaning up the burnt land, it will reduce fuels, in case there are future fires. By planting trees, by the thousands, we will help with CO2 emissions, clean our air, stabilize the land, help wildlife and provide cooling. This would also provide good jobs for lots of our citizens.

Please also consider that timber in Oregon is a renewable resource that is not being utilized as well as it could be. Please consider ways to work with the federal government to open up our forests to a much better management model that lets us log.

Please work with the federal government to put pressure on countries that are polluting much more than the United States, and MUCH more than Oregon. An effort such as this, would produce much more than any bill in Oregon.

- Cap & Trade will drive up utility and gas prices
- The careouts are not for everyone...so that is not a fix
- Waiting around for a tax rebate next year, when you have to pay your bills today...also not a solution
- Timber Unity has a 4-point plan to address carbon issues WITHOUT any tax...pass that NOW and leave our checkbooks alone
- County Commissioners from all over Oregon are saying NO to Cap & Trade. Legislatures should too.
- It's a huge change in how Oregon does regulations related to transportation and manufacturing and natural resources – the people deserve to the right to vote – refer it to the people
- Stop wasting our money on green energy boondoggles. \$20 million to implement is crazy and unrealistic based on pas projects and failures.

Respectfully,



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