Please submit the following into testimony:

Members of the Committee,

HB 4167, also known as Cap and Trade, is bad legislation designed only to transfer billions of dollars from Oregonians to the State government. Oregon does not have a "carbon" problem. The amount of CO2 emitted by Oregon businesses and utilities is infinitesimal compared to the rest of the Country and almost immeasurable in a world wide context. Assuming, for the moment, that this "carbon reduction" effort reduces the amount of CO2 produced in Oregon by half, there will be no measurable effect on the climate here or anywhere else. Even if we eliminated all the CO2 in Oregon, there would be no effect. What HB 4167 does accomplish is the establishment of another government bureaucracy, lacking transparency, that will be unaccountable to the public and will absorb huge amounts of money while exerting massive control over our lives. This must not happen.

Not to be accused of complaining while not offering alternative solutions, please consider the CO2 reduction plan proffered by Timber Unity. More trees equals more carbon sequestration and less confiscation of our money.

Please kill this terrible idea or, at the very least, put in on the ballot for the voters to decide.

Respectfully,

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