

My husband and I are senior citizens in Columbia County Oregon. The Cap and Trade Bill (HB4167) currently under consideration is going to raise our expenses and we cannot afford that. Our family has been involved in trucking, farming and logging in Columbia County for generations. As workers in these industries and others industries that are directly affected by these, we have a great interest in preserving the environment and have striven to make Oregon more beautiful and better for many years.

Our children have had a very hard time finding jobs here because industry is already discouraged, mostly by environmentalists, from locating in Columbia County. HB4167 would do further irreparable damage to our economy making it even harder for our children and grandchildren to get jobs, not just in Columbia County, but in the State of Oregon.

If you feel you need to address environmental issues, it should be done in a regular legislative session with time to look at all sides of the issues and **the people should be allowed to vote on the final outcome since it affects their lives and livelihoods. We "country bumpkins" are intelligent and informed (many, including myself with college degrees) and able to vote on this bill with the insight necessary to help the environment and the economy.**

**I am asking you to vote NO on HB4167.** Please look at both sides of the issue - get the \$\$\$\$\$\$ that are blinding you out of your eyes. Not just listening, but hearing the opposition with an open mind can solve many issues. Cap and Trade will not solve the environmental problems of the world or Oregon.

It is important to us, our families and to future generations to have a strong economy, good environmental practices that do not destroy the economy, jobs and a beautiful state for **all** of us to enjoy, not just those who live in the city.

Thank you for voting NO.

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