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It's my understanding that <u>at least 1/3</u> of Oregon's counties have spoken up as being opposed to this bill, and urge you to consider those voices. Of course I live in what is only somewhat jokingly referred to as "the state of Multnomah", so I'm not sure I'll bother reaching out to my county commission.

Please at least give SOME consideration to Timberunity's four-point plan, and I mean more than a "one-day tree-planting event", coordinated by a state agency. This plan shows true initiative, not just a bunch of yahoos showing up and saying they don't like the bill, "fix it", but offer no solutions. There's a lot of bad press about the timber and agricultural industries, but no recognition for the hard work that has been done, and continues to be done, in the interest of reducing emissions, creating a smaller carbon footprint, and whatever other buzz phrase is circulating at the moment.

I am of the understanding that these actions will have no effect on climate change, but will raise taxes, and thus, prices on everyday goods and services, because no business that I'm aware of would simply eat the extra costs, rather than pass them on to consumers. That's like every day business for larger corporations, but will create unnecessary hardships on the smaller businesses that we Oregonians support, and want to encourage to thrive here.

And, finally, my understanding is that, due to HB1530 raising taxes, and starting such a bill in the senate is against the law, any testimony previously submitted, related to HB1530, is now null and void? How on earth did that small detail slip by the sharp minds who are working on this stuff, supposedly in the best interest of Oregon's citizens? I can't help but think that there is a concerted effort to simply wear down those opposed to this bill, whether physically, mentally, or financially (how many people can afford to keep taking time away from their jobs, families, and other obligations to be heard)? This is starting to really earn its nickname of crap and trade.

I urge you to allow voters a voice in this important topic, by putting it on the November ballot, rather than forcing it through a short legislative session, and, if that doesn't work, calling it an emergency.

Respectfully submitted, Kristi Granberg