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 To:
 HRULES Exhibits

 Subject:
 HB 4167- I oppose

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Dear Chair Holvey and House Committee on Rules,

I oppose HB4167. This bill steals from the pockets of hard working Oregonians and will heavily burden our economy. It will drive up utility prices and gas prices. As a business owner in landscape construction, I will have significant financial impact. The regulations on older engines will force us to buy new equipment which we cannot afford. It will force us to have to buy new vehicles which again we cannot afford.

The legislature has already passed many bills that raised taxes and have put heavy financial burdens on my business. I know I am not the only business owner who has been affected by them. It is making it harder and harder to stay in business, especially if we are not able to pass the new tax costs onto our customers. HB 4167 will raise the price on other goods and services that are essential to operating our business. It is well known that Timber Unity has a 4-point plan to address carbon issues WITHOUT a tax. I would really like to know how taxing the citizens of Oregon is going to decrease the carbon footprint and help climate change?

County commissioners from all over Oregon are against HB 4167. This issue affects every Oregonian. The citizens of the state deserve the right to vote on it - Not just the Oregon legislature. Please at least refer this bill to the people.

Thank you for your time and your commitment to our government.

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