

In regards to HB4167 I am writing to you today to add my voice to the thousands of other voices that are trying to get you and your fellow Legislators to understand what a horrible thing for Oregon families the Cap and Trade legislation is. Please keep in mind these things when considering HB4167.

1. Cap and Trade will drive up utility and gas prices.
2. Tax Rebates or other possible credits will not help our families.
3. Regulations related to transportation, manufacturing and natural resources directly affect the families of Oregon that provide the jobs and services in those industries.
4. County Commissioners and other elected officials around Oregon are saying NO to Cap and Trade, they recognize it for the HORRIBLE legislation that it is.

As lifelong residents of Oregon, WE HAVE WORKED our entire lives saving and planning for our future. As we are preparing for retirement we are feeling more and more disappointed in our legislators and the job they are doing in Oregon. We are at the stage of life where we should be looking forward to retiring, legislation like the Cap and Trade will drive up all living expenses to the point of making it impossible to make ends meet. We simply cannot afford any more increases in those expenses or the taxes we pay.

The cost of living in Oregon has become so ridiculous that my elderly mother-in-law, and disabled sister who are perfectly capable of living independently, can no longer do so, and now have to live with family members because of the cost of living, and ridiculously high housing prices.

I worry about what will happen with my elderly parents, they worked very hard all of their lives, and have managed to make ends meet on their retirement income, how will the increased costs affect them? We have family members that own a trucking company, that has been in business in Oregon for 40+ years, the projected costs and regulations will kill their business. They have worked, planned and saved for years to provide for their families, and the families of their employees, how will they continue to do so without their business? I worry for our family friends who are farmers, and have have been for several generations, how will they make ends meet under the costs and regulations of Cap and Trade. They as well as all of us are already seeing increased costs due to the recently implemented CAT Tax. Farming is already under attack in so many other ways, the Cap and Trade legislation would be devastating. We NEED OUR FARMERS!! I don't know about you but we feel food is a necessary expense that is already getting more and more expensive.

We all recognize environmental issues are extremely important, but we also know there is NO such climate change emergency that makes it necessary to pass legislation that will do nothing to help the issue, and is clearly so bad for Oregon families. We are expecting you and your fellow legislators to do your job, the job that reflects what your constituents have elected you to do. JUST SAY NO TO HB4167, instead encourage your fellow legislators to continue to seek common sense solutions for addressing environmental issues that will NOT continue to financially burden Oregon families.

Please review the attached Proclamation Letter from our local Jefferson County Commissioners, who are opposed to the Cap and Trade Legislation. Our county is already suffering economically, and has

been for years, this legislation will make things even worse. There is nothing good about passing legislation that will cost millions of dollars to implement, give control to non-elected officials, has no clear over-sight or checks and balances in place, and will have no real affect on the climate, but will have a very clear and devastating affect on our families. At the very least we the people should be given the opportunity to vote on a matter this important to all of us.

Thank you for your time, and please do what's best for Oregon. No on HB4167, continue seeking better less costly solutions to environmental issues that don't include lining the pockets of those who will benefit by this legislation, at the expense of hard working Oregon families.

Sincerely,

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