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Dear Committee Members,

I am asking that you oppose HB4167 and all other related "Cap & Invest" bill and strategies. Thousands upon thousands of Oregonians oppose this bill & that number of opponents is growing exponentially day by day.

Let Us VOTE!!! If "Cap & Invest" or "Cap & Trade" or whatever it is now called is such a wonderful idea then put it up to a vote by the citizens of Oregon.

Oregon "carbon footprint" contributes 0.13% to the world's carbon dioxide as noted by the ORECA. (This is the same as saying 1.3 cents for every \$1000.00.) The number is minuscule. HB4176 will do nothing to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. Oregon is already well ahead of the 2020 GHG standards even with a growth in population and increases in the state's industries.

After researching, reading, discussing and attending hearings, this bill can be considered nothing more than forcing businesses to purchase "allowances" to do business in Oregon. That sounds like another business backdoor tax.

Any bill that limits transparency of records concerning carbon credit buyers/investors is an offense to fair-minded Oregonians. Yes, we know about this. Oregon is being sold out to the highest bidder. International foreign investors and countries will buy up the carbon credits, hold them and resell to smaller companies in Oregon at an increased cost. Yes, we know about this. Are the profits from reselling carbon credits still exempt from Oregon Capital Gains taxes? Yes, we know about that one, too.

Just these few "issues" should be enough to throw these bills in the nearest trash can.

Addressing the problem with increased cost for EVERYTHING petroleum-related will place undue financial hardship to all Oregonians, especially seniors and those with young families just starting out and eking out a living.

Job loss and business closures are on the horizon with HB4167. When this happens my community and all communities in the North Santiam Canyon area will turn into ghost towns and homeless camps. Our community and surrounding areas are already "economically fragile". Another assault and we are done & dead. There will be nothing left for employment other than seasonal tourism. Two mills in my immediate area employ over 800 local citizens. If they close 800 people and their families will be destroyed.

Please OPPOSE HB4167 and all other cap & trade bills. If the only way to stop passage of these bills is for a mass WalkOut, I support all the Senators and House members who do so to Save Oregon.

Respectfully,
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