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This email is my written testimony since I will not attend the hearing.

Given it is unlikely the actions proposed by this bill will alter the changing climate, and the near certainty those actions will devastate the low income population, the middle class, Oregon employers and the Oregon economy, what rational person would support it? No rational person would support this bill...it is an irrational political agenda lacking any reliable basis in science, economics or rational thought. Thank you for your service by opposing this destructive legislation.

Below are five rational reasons for you to oppose HB 4167. There are no rational reasons to support it.

First - HB 4167 is based on the false premise that human sources of co2 cause measurable climate change. There is no reliable evidence of this being the case (error prone computer models, manipulated proxy temperature data, tinkered-with measured temperature data, speculation/conjecture/circumstance).

Second - even if there were reliable evidence of measurable human contribution to climate change, it has taken more than 100 years to set the change in motion. Thus, it is likely nothing humans can do that will significantly alter that motion.

Third - the climate is changing, the reliable evidence shows this. The evidence also shows that it has happened repeatedly in the past. Thus, we need to adapt to the change. Instead of adapting our water systems, coastal surge protection, etc, HB 4167 is more wringing of hands, counting co2, and offering :kick-backs to the chosen few, while the rest of us are unnecessarily financially burdened. [The stated goal of HB 4167 is to reduce CO2 emissions (Revenue Impact analysis by the Legislative Revenue Office)]

Fourth - the HB 4167 program is a massive reworking of the Oregon economy by a government that has proven itself incapable of even keeping itself functioning (DHS scandals, DOE BETC scandal, healthcare exchange scandal, governor ethics scandals, etc).

Fifth - this massive economy reworking will cause substantial harm to Oregon employers, and citizens, with questionable, if any, real benefits. Even the Revenue Impact analysis by the Legislative Revenue Office recognizes the tremendous risk of this program and the radical changes required in response to this program: "This is a 30-year program that reconfigures much of the energy sector and the state economy. Naturally, any long-term program of this nature carries with it many uncertainties. A necessary condition for the success of the program is predicated upon the full electrification of Oregon's light fleet by the year 2050."

Oregon needs an honest response to inevitable climate change rather than a political agenda response.

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