

The House and Senate need to slow down and work on a bill that will provide **significant and accurate information** to the constituents you serve in our area and the State of Oregon. A bill that will truly help Oregonians address climate change in a positive way!

As a native Oregonian, I believe we need to work on the health of our environment for ourselves and future generations.

The current bill is poorly drafted and incomplete. Again, rushing to push it through the system instead of passing a bill that will benefit Oregon and Oregonians.

The following items need to be clearly addressed with **all** constituents before further consideration of this bill:

1) **Cost of Living Increases** - Utility prices and gas prices will go up!

2) **Carve outs** are not a fix - again setting a select few out doesn't solve the problems with this bill. Many, many individuals will struggle with the huge increases in everything in their lives. For example, how do the writers of this bill think that Madras should be subject to the increased gas taxes more than Bend? They will be punished for being a 'pass through' community on the way to Bend, Redmond and beyond. They are the first 'full service' area after coming over Mount Hood or from Highway 97 south. There's no logic in this. None!

3) **Tax rebates** - seriously? You're going to provide a tax credit in 12 or more months, but people can't pay their bills today? Those most affected may very likely be struggling even more to keep their homes, serve the public and be in business by then!

4) Our farmers, loggers, small businesses, can't hold on for 'when it's better'. Hope you don't need products delivered, food to eat, your kids bussed to school or school activities or yard supplies from your local garden center, for example.

5) How many pieces of large equipment, trucks or vehicles have you replaced? Farmers and truckers and folks who drive for a living often keep their equipment in repair because it is prohibitive to replace them every couple of years. Perhaps those of you who want to push this through, should spend time with some of these folks before you take such drastic actions.

6) There are options being brought forward that have better approaches and will, in the long run, improve life for all of us. Why are they not being considered? **What is your rush?**

7) County Commissioner throughout Oregon are opposed to this bill. Why?

7) Why are you so reluctant to let the people of Oregon vote on this or similar bills? The people of Oregon deserve a complete, transparent look at this bill and the opportunity to decide if it is right for Oregon!

Today feels to many constituents like another 'end run' or 'smoke and mirrors' to keep the people of Oregon uninformed.

It's time you let the voters of Oregon speak for themselves on this bill. We do have the power of the ballot box!

Sincerely,

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