

Climate Testimony 02/20/2020

Hello,

To Chair Holvey, Vice-Chairs Drazan & Smith Warner, and members of the Committee, my name is George Allen. I am a retired Oregonian, here today as a concerned grandfather from Woodburn.

Thank you for your hard work on this cap and trade bill.

My family has worked in the Oregon wood industry for four generations. My grandmother was born on a wagon coming to Gold Hill, Oregon in 1888. My grandfather owned and ran a six man lumber mill near Myrtle Point.

My father was an electrician for Georgia Pacific, and my mother was a raimon operator for Roseburg Forest Products, both in Coquille. My uncle was a logger, two of my brothers had careers in mills with one of their children now employed in wood products. My Roseburg Forest summer work paid for my college education. Thank you Mr. Ford.

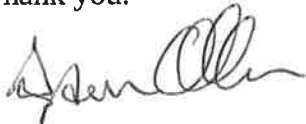
So I am empathetic to the wood industry. I understand the concerns over this cap and trade bill by the people working in this valuable Oregon livelihood. They are my neighbors and my family, and I know they are scared... We all should be, frankly.

Climate change is upsetting the balance of our Oregon climate... the balance that provides consistently moderate, wet winters and consistently moderate, pleasant summers. With the climate becoming unbalanced in the last few years, we have started having tornadoes in Oregon, for Pete's sake!

Please remember, it is our balanced climate that makes Douglas Fir trees grow in Oregon! Yes, be scared for the Oregon wood industry!

Please find the strength to do what is right, for our future, and for our grand children's future. Please keep this bill strong enough to help solve this emergency, and please pass this bill soon... our house is on fire!

Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "A".

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