

To Whom it May Concern,

Not only are there ethical questions about this proposed legislation, but also the methods to pass this bill. The short session wasn't intended to enact massive new legislation. The intent of the voters was to allow for small adjustments to both laws and budget. Introducing a \$600M tax which creates a new department is not within the intent of the short session.

Yes, HB 4167 is a tax. While it is being introduced as a non-revenue bill, taking \$600M from the citizens of Oregon is nothing short of a massive tax. I question the ethics of not calling new tax legislation anything but a tax for the sole intent of thwarting the Oregon constitution and the will of all Oregonians.

An emergency clause is attached to SB4167. This type of legislation has been considered for years without action. How is it an emergency now? I question the ethics of non-emergent legislation from which the voters are prevented from voting.

There is specific language to ensure the process behind cap and trade credits are hidden from public scrutiny. Recently a public records advocate stepped down after extraordinary pressure from our current governor, the state is rife with transparency problems. I question the ethics of any legislation which prohibits robust public scrutiny.

On February 6th I joined over 10,000 people and 1200 trucks to protest at the State Capitol in Salem.

People like me are worried that this tax will be trickled down to the consumer from the businesses that will be lucky to stay open. We will be causing more poverty in areas that have been already been hit hard. Please think of not only the industries that are targeted but all of the services that support them. The ripple effect will be heard across our whole state.

If you got it a truck brought it.

If you ate it a farmer grew it.

If you built it a logger felled it.

If you grilled it a rancher raised it.

I ask that we should be allowed to vote on it if we have to pay for it.

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