

Dear Oregon Representatives,

Thank you for providing the opportunity for me to voice my opinion.

I'm writing in opposition to HB 4167, SB 1530, and ANY OTHER BILL THAT TAXES ENERGY.

I'm in favor of reducing Carbon Emissions; however, there is no evidence that this bill will accomplish that. It will only tax everyone that uses energy, and that is all Oregonians.

These bills will raise the cost of everything that all Oregonians use; energy, heat, food, transportation of all kinds, utilities, household goods. This will be devastating not only to those small businesses that depend on fuel to do their jobs, but all of thousands of Oregonians that are just making ends meet as it is. How will they afford an average of 16% increase in everything they pay for? What about all those Oregonians on fixed incomes; the elderly, the disabled? How will they afford that? Yes, there are rebates, but those won't be available until the following year. What will people do on a month to month basis?

If the real goal is to reduce carbon, then take a closer look at the Timber Unity 4 point plan. This plan has real science and real numbers behind their solutions, and it will use existing resources instead of taxing people.

If this is so important, then why not take more time to look at better solutions that have a more realistic cost?

And if you think that so many Oregonians WANT this, then why not LET US VOTE?

As you should be aware, over half the county commissioners in the state of Oregon, representing 1.3 million Oregonians oppose cap and trade.

Please listen to the people of Oregon and VOTE NO ON HB4167 and any other Carbon Tax bill.

Very Respectfully,

Robert Schmidlin, life long Oregon voter