

I want to take the time to talk about cap and trade. Not just HB 4167, but all related to cap and trade aka Cap and invest.

My husband is a Millwright Electrician. He spent 6 years going to school and working full time in an apprenticeship program. He is now in a second apprenticeship program to advance his electrical license to a journeyman, which is another 2.5 years. This electrical journeyman license is not one to use on residential, but instead a Maintenance Plant Journeyman Electrician (MPJ). It is a license he will only be able to work in manufacturing. Because of his career, it has allowed me to be a stay at home mom and raise our daughters (7 and 3), and prepare for the one on the way. If cap and trade were to pass, not only would it put my husbands job at risk (he is employed with wood processing plant), but our cost of living would increase so much, I would have to reenter the work force (which I love working), and put my daughters in the care of a stranger, a daycare (which we have wanted to avoid). That also adds costs. With our costs so high, we would likely have to remove my 7yr old (2nd grade) from her christian private school as we wouldnt be able to afford the tuition. This would expose her to the type of education she hasnt been taught; common core. As you can see, cap and trade will send a massive, altering ripple effect in our family and many other families.

Yes, the environment needs attention. No doubt that our forests and lands need to be treated well and taken care of, including air quality. But cap and trade is not the answer. The side effect and consequence directly effects each Oregonian. Our costs of food, products, utilities and fuel will be so high, it will create a giant hardship on families, even causing more families dependent on government assistance. And take my husband as an example. He is spending over 8.5years in school and training. It would be a slap in the face and financial detriment to force him to spend a lot more of his time training for something else. His current wage will not be the same level as a new trainee in another sector. It would be a huge wage deduction.

I urge you, please look for environmental solutions without such a massive tax and cost burdens on Oregon citizens, like the 4-pointbplan Timberunity submitted.

Thank you,

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