

My name is Nikki Woods. Maiden name Nikki Flescher, and I'd like to tell you about my family. We are a family that has worked in the Logging Industry for many generations. We are a family of Oregonians by heritage, birth, and residence as my ancestors made the journey to Oregon on the Oregon Trail. Many reside today in the small rural coastal town of Waldport.

The Flescher's are proud Oregonians, and are proud to be a part of an industry that is the backbone of Oregon's economy.

My dad, Allen Flescher, worked in the lumber mill called Alsea Veneer before he started hauling logs in the 1980s. He continues to haul logs to this day. His son, Troy Flescher, worked summers as a choker setter for Smallwood Logging.

My uncle, David Flescher, also worked at the mill in years past before he became a truck driver hauling logs. David's son, Roger Flescher, currently works at the Georgia Pacific paper mill.

My grandfather, Abraham Flescher, worked in the woods; in the saw mill; and as a mechanic for a logging outfit.

My great grandmother, Bertina Flescher, worked as a Fire watch.

As you can see, my family has relied on timber dollars for many decades and still do to this day.

Cap & Trade should be called Cap & Tax and is nothing but a money grab that will destroy the timber, farming and ranching industries and will impact my family immensely. Not only will Cap & Trade impact my family, but it will impact Oregon's economy as a whole. This is our livelihood that is at stake and we can see right through the charade of dirty politics. Taxation is not the answer or the solution to the so called "Climate Crisis". Instead of rushing this poorly written bill through, we need to step back and take a look at other options that will not cripple Oregon's economy. The answer is INNOVATION, not Taxation!

No on HB 4167.

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