

I am sending this email to voice my opposition to HB4167.

I am a native Oregonian born and raised in Astoria and second generation log trucker. I've made my living and supported my family since 1976 hauling logs in northwest Oregon. In 1980 I started my own log trucking business based here in Astoria. Since 1980 I have employed over sixty-five men and women so they could provide for themselves and their families. It is obvious that HB4167 is not good for the blue collar working people of Oregon. In fact it appears it will not be good for the people of Oregon as a whole.

Oregon's carbon emission are minuscule in relation to the rest of the United States and even less when compared to the world.

Oregon is probably one of the greenest states in the union. Enacting HB4167 will have little effect in reducing the carbon emissions of the world. OREGON CANNOT SAVE THE WORLD !! However passing HB4167 in my view and the view of many others I've discussed this with, will have a devastating effect on our economy.

It's obvious not only will passage of HB4167 raise the cost of living, but it will eliminate good family wage jobs as well!!

The people that live in rural Oregon live there for a reason. We don't like sitting in traffic for an hour plus to go twenty miles. I've been traveling to the Portland area since I was a kid old enough to remember, that's 60+ years and I spend plenty of time in the Portland metro area now and traffic is ridiculous. We like wide open spaces and free flowing highways, not sitting in traffic.

All we Oregonians have to do to see the effects of passing Cap and Trade legislation is look at California. It is widely perceived to be a failure. Anyone in tune with the news coming out of California can see the results. Increased fuel and energy costs, people leaving the state, recently reported on KGW news 190,000 people left the state in 2019, and look at there homeless situation. We the people of Oregon do not want to be another California !!

I recently saw the program on KATU news "Your Voice, Your Vote." When Dylan Kruse the representative Sustainable Northwest in favor of SB1530 ... now HB4167, was asked why this wasn't being put to the voters to decide, he responded. We don't want this to go to a vote of the people because we don't want "special interest groups" to decide the vote. It seems to me that "special interest groups" live in the Oregon State Capitol and the "super majority" has adopted the Nike slogan of "Just Do It"!!

Carveouts in this bill is pandering to special interests and that's not fair to all Oregonians !!

Tina Kotek has stated that the "survival of Oregon depends on passing Cap and Trade."

I would say the survival of Oregon depends on DEFEATING HB4167 Cap and Trade !!

The Representatives and Senators were elected by the people of Oregon to represent the people of Oregon. You've been elected to make Oregon a better place to live, not to try save the world by enacting ridiculous Cap and Trade legislation at the cost of jobs and the Oregon economy. We can lower our emissions in Oregon with sound common sense transparent programs, not some bill that no one can explain the impacts on our Oregon population !!

I respectfully urge the Oregon Legislature to do what's right for the people of Oregon vote NO on HB4167 or send HB4167 to a vote of the people.

Respectfully,  
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