Submitter: Chad Kernutt

On Behalf Of: WE THE PEOPLE

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3158

Dear Legislators,

I write to you today as an employed tax paying U.S. citizen and an Oregonian, a married father of 3, a veteran who has fought for this country and your ability to be sitting in your chair a free person (maybe not so much the last 3 years) thinking about taking more of my hard earned money from my family. This is not okay with me and most Oregonians. Every time any kind of sales tax is put on the ballot WE THE PEOPLE vote it down overwelmingly because we don't want new taxes that either directly or indirectly hit us (because all business taxes trickle down to the consumers through raising in prices on items+goods). We do not want sales taxes or new business and energy taxes in this state. I urge you to vote NO on HB-3158 and stop this foolishness and constant reach for more of our hard earned money.

The Oregon state government is already the 4th fattest and 4th biggest state spending state government in America as measured by per-person spending. This is on top of the billion surplus they stashed into a slush fund that could be used. We are famous nationwide for our welfare benefits and ridiculous taxes and pursuit of making all of Oregon look like the utopia of Portlandia. We don't agree with Portlands agenda and love for taxes for tue sake of environmental justice.

We the people do not consent to this and do not want the Oregon state government further expanding our nanny state and taking more of our hard earned money for the sake of this lunacy called equity and green evironmental justice by taxing our way to it and going after natural gas, gasoline, diesel, hydro (dam busting), and coal (God controls the earth the weather and climate and not humans). We do not want to be California where the states population keeps leaving it in droves (large number of which are liberals who voted for the Gov't officials) because out of control tyrannical government officials keep running it into the ground with bevies of new taxes and expanding welfare programs. Get your hands out of our pockets and stop taking money from our families. I urge you to vote NO on HB-3158, WE THE PEOPLE do not want more taxes for the sake of "environmental justice"!! Thank you.

Sincerely, Chad Kernutt Albany, Oregon IN GOD WE TRUST