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House Committee on Climate, Energy, and Environment

Re: House Bill 3016

Dear Chair Representative Marsh, Vice-Chairs Representatives B. Levy and E. Levy, and members of the Committee;

The sponsors and supporters of this bill would claim that the ultimate point of this legislation is about our environment and that the only way to protect it is to hand over more dollars to the state of Oregon so it can pretend to control atmospheric temperatures, and sea levels, and storm activity—*forever*.

Great! Just what we need: A Community Green Infrastructure Grant Program. A Community Green Infrastructure Fund. A Community Green Infrastructure Task Force. And it directs the State Forestry Department to acquire and maintain an urban tree canopy assessment tool just as if Oregon's Forest Department doesn't already have a means to assess our forests, canopy and otherwise.

And lest we forget, HB 3016 creates more state administrative bureaucracy to enforce more regulations and puts more power in the hands of unelected agency bureaucrats.

This proposed legislation is not about the "health" of the planet. It is about who pays and who gets paid. We all know which end of that equation the great state of Oregon is on and we all know which end the working citizens of Oregon are on. I believe I am in a minority but it's my contention that most Oregon citizens are getting tired of getting milked by being told to make untold sacrifices to *save our planet*.

"What historians will definitely wonder about in future centuries is how deeply flawed logic, obscured by shrewd and unrelenting propaganda, actually enabled a coalition of powerful special interests to convince nearly everyone in the world that carbon dioxide from human industry was a dangerous, planet-destroying toxin. "It will be remembered as the greatest mass delusion in the history of the world—that carbon dioxide, the life of plants, was considered for a time to be a deadly poison."

Prof. Richard Lindzen*

I urge the Committee to table this bill.

Sincerely,



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