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Please include this in the public record and make it available to the committee members.
Thank you very much. Irene Gilbert

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From: ott.irene@frontier.com
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Senator Edwards:

I am sure you will hear plenty from others about this bill, however, I want to lodge my objection. I live in Eastern Oregon and those of us living here have to drive many more miles than those living in urban areas. As you consider this bill which would allow costs to producers to raise 4% per year, and thus the costs to consumers to go up by that amount, consider the following:

1. It is highly likely that gas prices will exceed \$3.00 next year and will continue to rise meaning that the proposed 4% increase annually will likely result in creases of 12, 16, 20 cents and more per gallon in the near future. These costs will be compounded annually and pose a significant financial burden and drag on the economy. Everything goes up when gas goes up and the financial impact is multiplied over and over.
2. Oregon's gas tax effective Jan. 1, 2015 is 31.07 cents per gallon which is the 14th highest in the country.
3. Dec. 2, 2014 Oregon had the 8th highest gas prices in the country.
4. Effective January 29, 2015 using only the cost of gas in metro areas which are less than rural areas, Oregon had the 11th highest gas prices in the nation.

Rural residents suffer the most from increased gas prices and these area have the highest poverty level in the state.

Thank you for reading and considering my concerns.

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