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Senator Mark Hass
900 Court St. NE, S-207,
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Dear Senator Hass,

I am one of your constituents. I am a registered Democrat, and I always vote.

I am very much opposed to **SB 324**, the so-called Low Carbon Standards bull... er... bill.

I know you have come out in favor of this bill in the past, but I ask you to reconsider your position.

There are at least three good factual reasons for me to ask you to do this.

- 1) Putting an "emergency" clause in the bill to skirt the ability for the people to weigh in on this fundamentally bad bill is an obvious scam and a political sleight of hand that is unworthy of the Oregon legislature. There is no "emergency" here, and to pretend that there is one is patently dishonest.
- 2) This is the very first time the Oregon legislature, or the people of Oregon, for that matter, have considered a fuel tax dedicated to something other than specific transportation infrastructure, such as bridges, roads and the like. Fuel taxes have always been "user taxes" and to change this is entirely inappropriate.
- 3) It is to be expected that if SB 324 passes, the current work on the transportation bill will result in a gas tax, another tax, going to the people of Oregon, and this will certainly fail, falling on the heels of SB 324. This would be a major disservice to the people of Oregon, because, given current funding and albeit misguided priorities (I can get specific with you on this upon request), our state can't even keep up, much less make progress with infrastructure needs.

In addition to these three reasons, SB is nothing more than a sorry holdover from the demonstrably corrupt administration that has, thankfully, finally ended... in ignominy. This alone is reason enough to kill this bill; it is bad politics as well as bad policy.

For at least the three enumerated factual reasons above, among others too complex to go into here, I request that you change your position and actively oppose SB 324 in any way you can, including contacting as many of your fellow state senators as possible and convincing them to oppose this bill.

Respectfully,

James W. Buell, Ph.D.
Your constituent