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Subject: Vote NO on SB1530 - Stop Cap and Trade
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Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Members – I am strongly opposed to SB1530 as written and in concept for the following reasons:

1. Nothing in this bill actually lowers greenhouse gasses. This bill merely collects money from working citizens and the companies they work for so that it can be spent by the state for whatever you deem important at the time. A Greenhouse gas Reduction Board sets the annual allowance budget and then sells allowances. In theory, the allowances will be reduced in order to achieve a decline in emissions. What a scam. This is very reminiscent of taxes on tobacco products that was supposed to be used to reduce the use of tobacco products. Guess what?! A revenue stream is created that government agencies are never in favor of reducing. Based on government agency track record, the likely outcome is to create a revenue stream from a seemingly (but not really) helpful idea and then find a way to keep the money flowing....
2. This committee should acknowledge that if Oregon was emptied of its carbon creating people and industry (in other words, the state is empty of people) it wouldn't lead to a detectible change in the planet. How about the planet-savers solve the bigger issues first and stop portraying that Oregonians paying more for fuels saves the planet. Oregonians paying more for fuels just costs us money and adds to the state's coffers and pays for more bureaucrat paychecks.
3. Section 1 of the bill recognizes that this state sets goals that cannot be met. This section changes the previous goals. Why? You couldn't meet them? Why would any citizen believe that you are setting more reasonable goals now? (as evidence to the way our state legislature works, in 2018 you offered and approved a bill whose sole purpose was to reset the state budget to a number above what had been collected in taxes to avoid paying the kicker and keep our money! You conned the public then and you're conning us now.)
4. This bill puts the Highway Trust Fund into a steady decline in which it essentially disappears by 2050 (according to analysis completed in 2019 when Cap and Trade Bill was introduced). The solution in SB1530 is to ask ODOT to study the issue and make a recommendation. The legislature took a similar approach in HB 2017 (the 2017 Transportation Funding Package) to funding the mega-projects in the Portland Metro area by not funding them and instead directing ODOT to study tolling to pay for Rose Quarter, I-205, and OR217 projects. ODOT should not be tasked with solving the various funding dilemma created by our legislature. Our state agencies should be carrying out the policies created by the legislature. You are politicians. You purport that this bill provides the answer to greenhouse gas emissions (or at least you say this will solve greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon). You should solve the fallout. Leave ODOT to build and maintain infrastructure so that all Oregonians can get to work and get their goods to market.
5. As the debate rages on, there are more and more exemptions being granted in order to get this bill passed. If this was truly such a great idea, then why are you selling out to some at the

expense of others. It's clear that you're not really trying to do anything more than open the door to collecting taxes. Once the door is cracked open, you'll push it open wider through future legislation. This one is in the news. The next one won't be!

I request that you allow the voters of this state to determine the fate of this approach to climate change by putting it on the ballot rather than deeming it "too complicated for the voters to understand".

Sincerely,
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