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I recently read an article that said the bill had been "TEMPERED", attempting to reduce the impact on rural and low-income Oregonians by creating a tax credit for low- and moderate-income people in areas where fuel importers will be subject to regulation in a separate bill".

While tax credits and rebates are nice. You still need to have the money UPFRONT to utilize all these credits. I think that's what some legislators and bill authors fail to understand. The average Oregonian, rather urban, suburban or rural, along with small business owners do not have expendable, disposable cash lying around to do the things this bill will force them to do and then wait for the tax credit or rebate. You see, we don't have slush funds! I know my family doesn't have \$10k-12k lying around to replace a perfectly good propane furnace with an electric one, when the price starts rising. So we'll either be forced to pay exorbitant propane costs or my husband will do the work of installing a costly electric furnace himself, which of course would likely void any tax credit. And what are we suppose to do with that \$2k brand new inline/on demand propane hot water heater we just purchased and installed this last year? Throw it away? What about the \$1200 propane range we bought a year ago? Send it to the metal recycler? So there's \$15k out of our pockets to do what this bill pushes us to do. This doesn't even factor in vehicles, our little old B series Kubota tractor, riding lawn mower, chainsaw and all the other pieces of equipment we use to maintain and work our 10 acres EFU property. DO YOU GET IT? We are talking about \$100k or more just for us and we aren't some large or even mid size logging or farming operation. Just a family living on 10 acres trying to do something productive with it and survive, as the taxes and demands continue to break our backs! I think it's great that you don't want to harm low income, what about the rest of us that will find ourselves pushed into that category from this policy? No matter how you slice it, dice it, or chop it up, put a cherry and nuts on it if you want, EVERY Oregonian will feel the pain of Cap and Trade and for what? It has already been openly admitted it will not have an impact on climate change.

My husband is 15-20 years away from retirement. My 82 year old father lives with us. We have worked hard to eliminate debt as we approach that retirement age, with only our home left to pay off. This is the home we planned to live in after retirement. The only way for us to achieve the demands C&T will place in us is through accumulating debt. That's not acceptable. If you can't see who will make money of this scheme, I will spell it out for you. Banks, through interest rates, investment firms interested in "green energy" and the state of Oregon as it fills its coffers! The rest of us will pay the price, a dear price at that.

Nowhere, throughout history has the citizenry ever benefited from a monopoly and SB1530 is the very foundation for creating an energy monopoly in this state. Please do not let that happen.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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