



AGENDA: REGULAR SESSION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

WASCO COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WASCO COUNTY COURTHOUSE 511 WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 302, THE DALLES, OR

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3:00 p.m.	CALL TO ORDER
3:00 p.m.	SB 1530 Cap & Trade – Possible Action Items: Support, Opposition, No Position
	COMMISSION CALL
	NEW/OLD BUSINESS
	ADJOURN

If necessary, an Executive Session may be held in accordance with: ORS 192.660(2)(a) – Employment of Public Officers, Employees & Agents, ORS 192.660(2)(b) – Discipline of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(d) – Labor Negotiator Consultations, ORS 192.660(2)(e) – Real Property Transactions, ORS 192.660(2)(f) To consider information or records that are exempt by law from public inspection, ORS 192.660(2)(g) – Trade Negotiations, ORS 192.660(2)(h) - Conferring with Legal Counsel regarding litigation, ORS 192.660(2)(i) – Performance Evaluations of Public Officers & Employees, ORS 192.660(2)(j) – Public Investments, ORS 192.660(2)(m) – Security Programs, ORS 192.660(2)(n) – Labor Negotiations



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PRESENT: Steve Kramer, Chair
Scott Hege, Vice-Chair
Kathy Schwartz, County Commissioner

STAFF: Kathy Clark, Executive Assistant
Tyler Stone, Administrative Officer

Chair Hege opened the session at 3:00 p.m., saying that he has received more communication on this topic than anything since becoming Commissioner. He noted that the proposed resolution can be modified before passage and may not be considered at all. He pointed out that the much of the resolution objects to the timing of legislation being proposed during a short session and the idea of this being an emergency or not. He stated that it is not opposing or agreeing with climate change; it is a comment opposing this legislation. He quoted text from an email he had received (full text from Annalie Cantrell included in the record). He said that he thinks we all want clean air, no matter where you fall on cap and trade.

Chair Hege outlined some ground rules for the evening: respect everything that is said; no name-calling, shouting or yelling. He said that we all have opinions and thoughts; we may not always agree but we can work together. We have not had good examples in Salem or D.C., but we can figure it out. This is an emotional issue for many. He stated that there is a sign-up sheet for those who want to speak; we will go through that list and then allow anyone else to speak with a 2-minute limit. He pointed out that there are children in the room, asking that speakers be mindful of that.

Commissioner Kramer thanked everyone for being there and asked to hear from county residents first.

Gil Hayes said that the bill is nothing but a travesty and has little or nothing to do with improving the environment. It is just to generate extra money for the state to spend without restriction. The short version is that a big corporation without footprint gets credit; polluters can buy credits and continue to pollute – there is no gain for the environment and it will rest heavily on the backs of rural Oregonians who do not have access to public transportation.

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Chair Hege noted that we do have a new fixed route system in The Dalles. Vice-Chair Schwartz said that there are some buses that service the south part of the county, but it is limited service.

Liz Turner said that she has three concerns. They should allow it to go to the public for a vote. It is a sealed kind of thing; once they run it, we won't be able to see what they are doing with the funds. Also, China coming here to buy carbon things not attached to land is concerning. They have a terrible reputation with how they operate. She said she has read the return they show is less than 1% - that is tiny and this will have a negative effect on agriculture. If we plant more trees, we could have a bigger impact.

Jeff Renard said he is in opposition to the house bill and its clone. He spent his life in transportation. They have the ability to impact our fuel and way of life behind smoke and mirrors. He said he represents work at an airport. This will impact agriculture, logging and aviation. He said he is very concerned about the loopholes allowing polluters to buy into the market. We should not be forced into this without a vote of the people.

John Nelson stated he is speaking in favor of 1530. He doesn't think the resolution will help to achieve any kind of addressing the climate change. He reported attending a water shed council meeting in Hood River where they depend on surface water mostly. He said they talked about the amount of time when the glaciers on MT Hood will be gone is about 20 years unless we address climate change. Right now, in summer, we get more water in the summer from melt off but that is not sustainable. He said he would like to see a resolution that would support.

Bruce Schwartz said reason we are here is because the county court has decided to politicize the issue. If you pass this, you are saying that this is what county citizens agree to and we don't. Last year there was discourse that shows that we are split. He said he doesn't see a panel of experts here to debate the pros and cons. As far as the bill is concerned, he thinks it does too little, too late. He said the Board should be dealing with our local issues – parks, roads, etc. It is not their place to do this.

Diane Bungum said that she supports 1530 and objects to the resolution. Oregon has already lost 2 years because of the 2019 walk out. There have been extraordinary flooding and fires – that is an emergency. They say the bill will burden our economy and burden citizens' pocketbooks – she said this is like the ants and the grasshoppers – those who want to do nothing are the grasshoppers.

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Chair Hege pointed out that the Board of Commissioners does not have a vote on this bill. There are 27 counties that have passed resolutions and our citizens have encouraged us to do so.

Bill Lennox thanked the Commission for bringing this to the citizens. It is critical to give citizens a voice. The more we can all learn, the better the discussion becomes and the more we understand the complexity. He said that he agrees with Bruce Schwartz in that it does become political. He stated that one of the things that concerns him is the political divisiveness in Salem infecting Wasco county. Historically, we have worked well together and figured out a way to move forward responsibly. Many of our Salem reps have taken a path that limits the ability to talk.

Tom Tramontina said that he doesn't think the legislature should make this decision. The people who are going to pay for this should vote.

Sheila Dooley read submitted written comments (attached).

Karen Murray said that she opposes the resolution and hopes the Board will support climate action. It will not get any cheaper to take action. Oregon needs to be a leader in climate action and it is wrong to oppose the bill. There are provisions to help those impacted. She stated that she thinks there is misinformation. Change can be hard and she hopes we will follow the science. Agriculture will be hardest hit by climate change. We need to share the load and face reality; deal with it now, not kick the can down the road.

Noah Williams stated that he is a farmer. He said everyone knows this is just a tax. It will not change things – it will do nothing. People will still transport, move things. He said he can't pass the buck on to the next person. This bill is not going to do anything to help. Most jobs in Wasco are large agriculture. We already pull CO₂ out of the air. Plants live on the carbon. We probably already have the cleanest air possible and this will negatively impact us. They took sulfur out of diesel – now we have to buy sulfur and put it back in the ground.

John Williams said he agrees with what Tom Tramontina said - we need to let the people have a vote on this.

Steve Mounts stated that he has lived in eastern Oregon his whole life. He has worked in the woods, owned wheat ground worked at Portland General Electric at the coal plant, which put out a lot of CO₂ at that time, and spent ten years with PUD dispatch. There is a global glut of fossil fuels now and will be for a while. If the whole world takes a stand - this is that opportunity. Nobody likes change but your children's futures are on the table.

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Dean Myerson said this bill was introduced last year and if there hadn't been a walk out then, it wouldn't be at the short session. As far as the emergency status – the emergency provision does not prevent this from going to a vote and it will. He recommend thae editorial in Wallowa Chieftain that listed benefits and concerns – all are valid. We have to do something. He said he acknowledges that none of you are saying we should do nothing – you believe we should do something. Findlay is in favor ofr wind power and solar but that is not enough. He said he has been keeping track today – it is almost 50/50 among the speakers.

Chair Hege noted that there is a large solar plant going through the permitting process in Wasco County.

Matthew Chaison asked for a show of hands from those who would like to see the resolution adopted (a vast majority of attendees raised their hands). He said that the Board now has a positive consensus of Wasco County residents supporting the resolution - add the show of hands to the comments you have gotten. These are bad bills with no public records and restricted voting. The costs to countless industries will trickle down to the people for services rendered and job losses will ensue. He pointed out that the Board works for the citizens of Wasco County – not the interests of Salem or Portland. Lynn Findlay and Daniel Bonham support us and the Board has the opportunity to work the peoples' will. He said that before this meeting is adjourned, we demand that you consider the resolution with no excuses, more clarification or attorney consultation.

Casey Pink, local business owner, said he runs a 3rd generation cherry orchard with his son. The orchard supports 6 families and seasonal workers. We try to keep up with the cost of living for them and are very concerned that this would affect our livelihood. Small farmers are already having a hard time. Costs are rising – utility and fuel increases will make it worse. A tax would need a 61% vote for taxes – they are trying to call it something else so as not to have to meet that standard. When the legislature wants to pass it without telling us where the money will go – I don't trust them. I can't run my business that way. This is unfriendly to business and we are driving business out and away which means the State will have to get even more money from fewer people. A few people should not make this decision. It should go to the people for a vote.

Nicole Chaison submitted written comments (attached) which she read. She said she is in favor of signing the resolution. These are bad bills without a referendum to the public. They will destroy jobs with no solutions. Our representative and senator oppose and walked out in protest – that is allowed and is to protect constituents. It will impact us first indirectly – costs will pass on from corporate.

People will drive out of town to get gas – that will not help our climate. She said her family owns a small hay farm and she is already doing what's right

Kathleen Cantrell submitted written comments (attached). She thanked the Board for this opportunity. She said her plea last year was to obey your oaths of office to uphold the laws of the US. She stated for the record – she is very against 1530 and 1467. She said she heard an alternative 4-point plan presented at the hearing and that was ignored. This will be negatively impactful. Looking at future generations with costs rising for farm equipment, it will put it out of reach for the agricultural community. She said she resents the fact that Kate Brown met with a China leader to discuss green practices when China has such a poor record. They skirted the question of this just raising revenue. There is no mechanism as to how the money will be used. The language in the bill excludes the open records law and that angers me. Millions of dollars will come in. She asked that the Board consider standing by their constituents. Sign the resolution and support us and the future that our children and grandchildren hope to have.

Jim Cantrell stated that he is a resident also urging the Board to oppose this legislation. The dollars will be offset by dollars of business leaving, unemployment and relocation. A commonsense approach should be used to solve environmental concerns – inclusive of all sides. We should all be good stewards – we all consume agricultural products. For seniors on fixed incomes – this will impact nearly every aspect of their lives. He said his mother is 97 and lives on her own. She is from an era where you voted someone in and trusted them to represent regardless of their personal interests. There are provisions in the bill that are just flabbergasting.

Jeff Stiles thanked the Board for taking this on. In elementary school we learned that the world was going to freeze and now 50 years later we are warming. The earth goes through climate change regularly. Current science ignores that and places the blame on man. If you want to stop the carbon, control the fires. He said he hopes the Board votes for this.

Lori McGaughey asked the Board to please sign the resolution. She read a statement (attached) into the record.

David McGaughey, 13 years old, read a statement (attached) into the record. He said that this bill is a tax that they are saying it is not. One of the reasons we split from England was taxation without representation. In the first year there will be a 22 cents a gallon increase; that will grow in the next eight years. That is money lost to the economy. Timber Unity has proposed a 4-point plan. We need to plant vegetation that cleans the air; buy local rather than shipping; and recycle.

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Phil Swaim asked what the point of this meeting and resolution is. A similar resolution died for a lack of a second. Why bring it back? The commissioners are non-partisan – this is a partisan issue. The Board stands to alienate half of the people in this room. This resolution is being rushed to us in an emergency. This came up 4 days ago. What do you propose? Based on a lot of appearances – have you done any cost benefit analysis? Who generated and wrote this – it is gloom and doom that is not true. This resolution does nothing to address global warming. Why don't you change some of the wording – say that climate change is not real and global warming is a hoax.

Steve Murray thanked the Board for the public hearing. He said he is a retired science teacher and studied weather and climate a good deal. We broke the 400 mark and will increase the temperature 4 degrees. Australia nearly burned to the ground this summer. The U.S. is responsible for most of the pollution over the last hundred years. Stopping emissions will still take hundreds of years to lower the levels to preindustrial. This bill is insufficient. A short session is not too fast – it has been in the works 12 years. The U.S. constitution and Oregon Constitution have us vote for people to represent our views. When people walk out that is not representative government. We are way behind it on climate change.

John Fredricks said this is “the sky is falling.” We have gone from one made up crisis to the next. He said when he was in high school, it was the sun was going to be burned out by 2025. Now it is global warming, climate change. There are a lot of scientists that do not agree. This is more about a grab for money and bigger government and to control us. If Portland has a problem – let them solve their problem. This is an attack on the American way of life. They are after the rental owners and firearm holders. This is not an emergency – let us vote on it. They keep doing that. He urged the Board to sign the resolution.

Gene Scherer thanked the Board for having this meeting. He said he is opposed to Cap and Trade. He has a single-income family; his budget will not bear this increase. The bill with the ability to buy credits is just a benefit to big banks. He said any Oregon politician who would meet with communist China to talk about what we do in a constitutional government is committing treason as far as he is concerned. He said he had an opportunity to see a lot of aerial photos of Mt. Hood over 40-50 years. He said he saw it change up and down years ago. This is not an emergency. This is taxation without representation.

David Polehn said this is a tax. They need to be more responsible with money they have. California pioneered Cap and Trade. He said he visited relatives in California at their Walnut farm; they had to replace all their equipment. All the

energy that went into manufacturing and the replacements were still fossil fuels. We need affordable alternatives to fossil fuels.

Jonathan Stelzer said he appreciates the Board offering this opportunity. He stated that he supports this resolution. For him the bill is theft – taxation without representation. They don't want a vote, they skew the science, they don't want to say what they will do with the money – that is totalitarianism. This is a socialist system – look at social systems – they have toxic environments. They are power and money grabbers and don't care about the environment.

Anthony Tarnasky thanked the Board for the opportunity. There has been a lot of discussion about the climate aspect. That is irrelevant. It is the emergency clause. It would lay down quotas. It is a tax bill. Whether or not it will impact in the end - this should require a super majority for the implementation. It may be true that we need to do something – but is this that something? I would say not. A quota would directly affect us. The secretive nature of the bill – no public information on where the money will go and what they will do. He said he doesn't trust the government with a blank check. If it is on the up and up, they should be more transparent.

David Stelzer thanked the Board for the opportunity. He said he feels like he has been an environmentalist all his life, but this is not the answer. He said he runs Azure and employs 150 people. Azure Farms works in California and seen the devastation that Cap and Trade has caused in that state; a lot have moved to neighboring states. He said he has to pay 150% more there than any other state. We already have a burden on truckers. He said he applauds this being done locally; the counties should be telling the legislature our opinion. He said his thought in representing the company – this legislation would be devastating. He said he is in favor of changing the environment and there are a lot of great ideas – let's not do it through taxes and burdensome regulations. The state is playing a game – we have to do something, but let's not get our ire up to do the wrong thing.

Kate Wilson said she is against this resolution; it has a lot to do with politics and money and not with our residents. She said she understands both sides – affording things and good environment and that is important. Frankly, there is the 8th largest landowner in the world is sticking its nose in our politics.

There is a purpose to this bigger than the people sitting here. This could lend a future candidate to raise 100K for campaign. She said it will be her left that the Board has to face as to why they are putting her health at risk for politics. When she calls to ask about corona virus, she wants to make sure that they are being honest.

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Dwayne Nelson said he loves the passion for the climate and is not a denier. Climate change goes on and it is miniscule compared to the damage that Cap and Trade can do to local agriculture. It is the only industry where they beg for their prices. This will drive the farmers broke – then where will you get your food? India? China? They are the worst polluters. Let's work for legislation that will make change and help people.

Mr. Stiles thanked the Board for this opportunity. Regardless of opinion on climate change, this bill is a huge tax. As a small business owner, he has to make budgets and account for bills; he has to live within that budget and I answer to clients. We all live in budgets. This bill doesn't make sense. It is wrong in so many ways – no financial plan and does not declare as to how it will be used, no open disclosure, no vote, majority not listening to concerns – all wrong. That is tyranny, not a democracy. The trucking industry cannot afford this tax. Rural Oregon and farmers and Wasco County cannot afford this tax. Eventually, it rolls down to us. He urged the Board to approve the resolution.

Text from Annalie Cantrell written comments (attached) were read into the record. Frederick Stelzer said he lives on a farm and his whole family are farmers. This bill taxes farmers that cannot afford it. A lot of farmers would have to replace so much equipment – they cannot afford it. They would have to shut down. He said he heard someone say our children's futures are on the line – that is true. Many people's children's futures are on the line. Their parents will not be able to feed them. Someone else said that the carbon emitted in the U.S. is largely responsible. Carbon emissions have been going down year after year since before I was born in the U.S. The big contributors are China and India. Be logical. This bill won't lower emissions and will hurt so many. He said there are 27,000 people in Wasco County for which the Board is responsible – the Link bus system cannot move 27K people to and from where they need to be.

Lanny Matier said he doesn't come here often and didn't intend to speak. If you live long enough and can remember, it is amazing some of the things that come back. Many years ago we made machines last. Then vehicle emissions systems made it complicated. Talking to a mechanic – they put this on the vehicles to cut down carbon but it takes more fuel to run the rig with that so you burn more so it is almost the same. Perhaps the science teacher understands but I don't. You have taken an oath to be a representative of the public. Tax or climate change? How could it be a tax? Everyone here thinks it is. He said he thought cap would limit the amount of carbon that goes into the environment and trade meant some put out more carbon and those could use the benefits of those who do not and pay them for the more. Why would our governor call it cap and trade if it is a tax – is

she deceiving us? What else is she deceiving us about? He asked that the Board please pass this resolution.

Bruce Lumper thanked the Board for this session to give us the opportunity to speak on an issue that is important to us. He said that for him the comments suggest that we have differing opinions and not sufficient unanimity to pass this resolution

A citizen said he thought it was funny that as he was coming to town and looked up - he saw jet trails throughout the sky. Here we were going to a meeting about reducing that. Peculiar. They were burning fuel. When I read the constitution, it says that our founding fathers came together to limit the government. Here they are trying to make a bigger government with more taxes. The problem is that we have way too much government, we need to limit the government.

John Schwartz said it has been very informative to hear that so many feel so strongly about both the environment and this bill and its potential impacts. Strong feelings both ways. It is good to hear that and listen. The purpose was to consider a resolution on which you may or may not take action. Some suggest that you should do this because others have – I would point out that some have not. The value is to hear the opinions. There is no real need for you to take action.

COMMISSION DELIBERATION

Vice-Chair Schwartz thanked the attendees for coming. She said she appreciates all the email and phone calls. She reiterated that the Board is not here to vote on a bill; we are here to consider a resolution that will take a position on a bill that will impact our citizens. It is important that you contact your legislators that will vote. What she has heard from those representatives is how much your voice matters – when you call, email and visit them. She said she does believe that we urgently need to reduce our carbon emissions but how we do that is up for debate.

Commissioner Kramer said this has been an interesting day. We came to oppose the bills in this short legislation – short legislation is not for major bills. He said he believes that there is room for conversation and we should sit down at the table but not address the issue through taxation. He said he received 146 emails (attached); 9 are in support of Cap and Trade - the rest oppose it. He said he moved to pass a resolution last Wednesday.

{{{Commissioner Kramer moved to approve Resolution 20-002 in the matter of proclaiming Wasco County's opposition to Cap & Trade bills during legislative short session. Chair Hege seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION

Vice-Chair Schwartz said that at this time she sees two major issues with the bill. She questions if it will make a difference and the provisions allowing corporations to skirt the bill. She said she would prefer to support a bill to the citizens that goes to the citizens and one that required the big polluters to pay for their polluting.

Chair Hege said he thinks a lot of us are really frustrated with what is happening in our country and our state. That the republicans left and that the democrats would not let them into the discussion. He said that right now he feels very much like Vice-Chair Schwartz - this may do some things to help the environment, but the negatives outweigh that. He said he wants a bill that treats Oregonians fairly. He said he doesn't think the exclusion language is fair. Even if there is an emergency clause path, there is a slim chance for referral to the voters. He said he thinks if the people want to vote, they should. He said he thinks we can have better bills. The legislators should come together for a better bill.

Vice-Chair Schwartz suggested the following language modifications to the resolution:

Paragraph #7: substitute "could" for "will"

Paragraph #8: modify current language - that the significance of the agricultural economy in Wasco County and the potential negative impact on this industry as well as other local industries by the provisions in these bills; and

To read: that there may be a significant negative impact on the agricultural economy in Wasco County as well as other industries due to the provisions in this bill; and

Commissioner Kramer amended his motion to include the proposed language modifications.

The motion passed unanimously.}}

Chair Hege said he is impressed by the citizens of the county and grateful for them working together.

Chair Hege adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

Summary of Actions

MOTIONS

- **To approve Resolution 20-002 in the matter of proclaiming Wasco**

County's opposition to Cap & Trade bills during legislative short session.

Wasco County
Board of Commissioners



Scott C. Hege, Board Chair



Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair



Steven D. Kramer, County Commissioner



IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF WASCO

IN THE MATTER OF PROCLAIMING WASCO COUNTY'S OPPOSITION TO CAP & TRADE BILLS DURING LEGISLATIVE SHORT SESSION

RESOLUTION 20-002

NOW ON THIS DAY, the above-entitled matter having come on regularly for consideration, said day being one duly set in term for the transaction of public business and a majority of the Board of Commissioners being present; and

IT APPEARING TO THE BOARD: that the Wasco County Board of Commissioners represents an estimated 27,000 people; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD, that Wasco County provides a wide range of critically needed services to its residents including health and human services, roads, parks and public safety; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: the legislative short session does not allow adequate time to fully analyze the impacts of this legislation on the citizens of Wasco County and the rural areas of Oregon; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: the Oregon State Legislature should use emergency clauses only when a true emergency exists and not as a means to eliminate the possibility of the referral of a bill to the people of Oregon; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: Cap & Trade bills could directly impact the cost to Wasco County and the residents of Wasco County by increasing the cost to provide services through increased utility costs and increased costs in fuel related to providing those critically needed services; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: that the cost increases due to Cap & Trade bills will further burden the residents of Wasco County who are already burdened by the increasing costs of living in our communities through higher rents, increasing costs to purchase a home, and additional tax burdens placed on them by the State of Oregon; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: that the significance of the agricultural economy in Wasco County and the potential negative impact on this industry as well as other local industries by the provisions in these bills; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING TO THE BOARD: that any benefits derived through the Cap & Trade bills, many of which are in dispute and need more time to accurately identify the benefits and detriments of said bills, do not appear to justify the penalties and costs that seem likely to result from the bills.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WASCO COUNTY PROCLAIMS:

The Wasco County Commission is opposed to Cap & Trade bills proposed in the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly which could have punitive impacts on Wasco County and its citizens.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2020.

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Wasco County Board of Commissioners

Kristen Campbell, County Counsel

Scott C. Hege, Chair

Kathleen B. Schwartz, Vice-Chair

Steven D. Kramer, County Commissioner

Commissioner Hege, Commissioner Schwartz and Commissioner Kramer,

Thank you for hearing us today. Oregon cannot afford these added tax laws! Rural communities, small businesses and families already struggle to survive! Our family lives on one income and we can't afford cap n trade. We want to join all the other 26+ counties who have made Proclamations against SB 1530 and HB 4167. We are not part of Portland and we don't want to be lumped with Portland. These bills are un American because they contain the emergency clause, preventing the voters from taking it to referendum if it doesn't work out well and it won't. The gas tax alone will be 22 cents per gallon in the first year and it will go higher every year. Not to mention the economy killing prices that will go up many places. Timber Unity submitted a plan to take care of carbon without raising taxes and it was denied. We have repeatedly asked this bill be given to the people to vote on and continually denied. We have also asked for transparency. We don't know where the millions will go. We have been denied transparency. We have been told this bill is too hard for us to understand and denied a chance to vote on it. We deserve a chance to vote on everything we pay for! What in the world is going on in Salem!

In closing, we are in a crisis! It's a crisis of government overreach! We don't need to pay lots more taxes to fix CO2. If people are concerned about that they can go online and purchase CO2 credits. They shouldn't be trying to force all the taxpayers to pay for their climate change beliefs. It is unthinkable to put a bunch of people in poverty and destroy their hard-earned businesses and farms!

Our Senator Lynn Findley and Representative Daniel Bonham have continually stood against these bills, denied quorum and walked out to protect us. Please have their backs and sign this Proclamation against these harmful bills! We support you! We appreciate you!

Thank you!

Lori McGaughey

The Dalles

Hello Commissioners Hege, Kramer, and Schwartz, my name is David McGaughey, I am 13 years old and am concerned for the future of Oregon if these bills, specifically SB 1530 were to pass.

This bill is a tax with the Senate and emergency clause smacked on it saying it's not. One of the reasons the 13 colonies separated from Great Britain was: "For imposing taxes on us without our consent." (Thomas Jefferson, US Declaration of Independence)

SB 1530 would be taxing the income out of the timber industry, any industry using trucks, and the Oregonians who drive 48 miles a day to get to their job in The Dalles and make a living.

SB 1530 would raise prices for gas to 22 extra cents per gallon in only the first year. That number of 22 will get bigger and much worse within the next eight years of It's signing into law.

After one year, one truck with an average 300-gallon tank filling up on gas would raise the price to 80 more dollars, and 1,000 trucks filling up is 80,000 dollars lost for the economy.

If you wish to help the environment without taxing the people of Oregon Timber Unity has proposed an alternative to cap and trade which includes the following:

- ODOT should stop spending money on mowing and weeding green areas next to freeways and plant vegetation that stores carbon long-term to help clean the air.
- It would help the environment and economy for Oregon governments to buy products from local manufacturers instead of shipping them from out of state
- Stop shipping recyclables out of the state
- The Oregon Legislature should help businesses make upgrades that are environmentally friendly

In the Dalles, I may not live in a very rural part of Oregon, but I stand with the farmers, truckers, timber and other blue-collar workers of Oregon saying that urban metros shouldn't tell rural Americans how to help the environment.

Thank You

Hello County Commissioners My name is Nicole Chaisson and I am a citizen of Wasco County

I ask of you to please sign a proclamation that states that Wasco County is opposed to SB 1530 and HB ~~4147~~ AKA The Cap and Trade Bill. 27 counties that represent over 2 million people in Oregon have already signed the proclamation.

These bill are bad bills. They not only do not allow for public records but in using the emergency clause they do not allow the people to vote. Why would the legislature object to public records and the ability to the citizens to vote? These bills will destroy jobs with no solution in place for the displaced workers.

Our Representative and Senator are both opposed to the bills. Senator Findley and Representative Bonham walked out this week in protest which is allowed under the Article IV Section 12 of the Oregon Constitution. This is to protect their constituents, which you share.

If these bills pass, the first phases will not affect Wasco County directly, but will indirectly as the companies many of us do business with in the Willamette Valley will have extra expenses for gas, utilities, and other services. They will pass on the extra costs to the consumers. This is as ugly as the corporate activities tax which we are seeing is being passed to the consumers today.

Even though all counties east of the cascades will not have a phase it will still affect the city of Bend and Klamath Falls. This will cause people to drive out of town to get their gas when it is forecasted as being \$.20 cheaper. This does nothing to help our climate.

It is also unknown if the tax will be placed on the gas when it comes in to the Port of Portland before it is sent to all of Oregon.

The impact analysis on SB 1530 states that they are unable to do a proper economic analysis of Cap and Trade. It is impossible for them to know how much everybody will be taxed and the bill touches every energy sector of the entire state.

This will have a detrimental effect on small businesses and working families.

You have the ability to protect the people of the county. I ask that you do so. Please join our sister counties in signing a proclamation to oppose Cap and Trade.

Thank you for your time.

Hello Commissioners my name is Matthew Chaisson and I live in The Dalles

Before I start let's do a quick experiment with the audience.

How many people are here because they are against the Cap and Trade Tax? Please raise your hand.

As you can see you have the positive consensus of the residents of Wasco County. Please accept this in addition to the emails you've received and the people that are outside of this room and/or in front of the building.

SB 1530 and HB 4167 are both bad bills that have no public records allowed and restricts the people of Oregon from voting on it. The cost to the countless industries that will be affected like trucking, logging, and farming will trickle down to the people for services rendered. There will be immense job and business losses state wide.

Just remember you work for the people of Wasco County and not for the interest of Salem, Portland, or other governments. Our Senator Lynn Findley and Representative Daniel Bonham understand this. You are in the position to do the will of the people of Wasco County, and it is your responsibility to protect us from the real threat of government over reach.

27 other counties have already signed a proclamation opposing Cap and Trade and have listened to the will of their constituents.

So before this meeting is adjourned the people of Wasco county demand one way or another, whether you will sign the Proclamation opposing these Cap and Trade Bills. You have had more than enough time to do any type of due diligence needed and we will not accept excuses like needing more clarification or having to consult an attorney. We want to know today exactly where you stand, so we can join the majority of this great state of Oregon to defeat this job killing, business destroying, unconstitutional bill that was not even voted on by the people of Oregon.

Hello my commissioners, I am Jeff Renard of [REDACTED] The Dalles Oregon.

I would like to state my opposition to House Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167.

The list of all the reasons why is far too long for the time allowed so in the consideration of time I will just state a few of the biggest concerns to me.

1. Having spent most of my life in the transportation business, I am greatly concerned with the ability for the elected officials to make decisions to raise taxes on our fuel and energy, probably one of the largest driving forces in our economy. These decisions will cripple everything and everyone from the daily commuter to the loggers and commerce movers who frequent our roads. These actions will also affect the aviation industry if not directly then indirectly thru additional cost to the delivery of our fuel. The common theme to my objection is that any new taxes need to require a vote of the people.
2. As is typical with Bills such as these... there are loopholes for the connected to get around the tax and thus creating an inequality in our business culture. This causes for businesses to look to other states with less nonsensical taxes for their home. I have heard projected numbers for the loss of jobs tied to this Bill and would venture a guess that we really have no way of knowing what the real losses will look like. Catastrophic no doubt.
3. The thought that we can be forced without a vote of the people to pay for things that we did not ask for or want is unconstitutional and wrong. All new taxes need to be voted on by WE THE PEOPLE.
4. In closing I would urge you as our elected officials to take this opposition to the State and stop these Bills and make it known that we will not allow them to pass Bills and taxes on a whim and without our voices being heard.

February 27, 2020

Dear Wasco County Commissioners,

The agenda for today's meeting lists 3 possible actions on SB 1530: support, oppose or take no position. However, the packet only includes a resolution opposed to SB 1530. Where is the resolution in favor? It appears you have already taken a position and are therefore wasting our time.

In your proposed resolution you cite increased costs and the effect on agriculture. The cost of not acting now means much greater costs later. Most of the increased costs and negative impacts predicted in the resolution have not been the experience of other states with cap and trade (source: Oregon Capital Bureau).

January 2020 was the warmest January in recorded history across the globe. Our forests are dying due to the drought. Douglas fir trees are dying in the Willamette Valley and here in Wasco County as well according to the State Dept. of Forestry.

A continued drought will negatively impact the forestry, wheat and cherry industries in Wasco County. Future costs will greatly outweigh any cost associated with acting now.

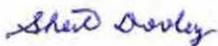
Loggers won't have to worry about gas prices because there won't be trees left to cut. In addition, Wasco County is one of the counties exempt from the fuel emissions tax unless the county volunteers to accept the tax or until 23 counties are covered by the regulations.

What is the point of this resolution? What are you suggesting as an alternative solution to combat global warming? Are you doubting the science?

Passing a resolution against SB 1530 is a vote in favor of corporations and pollution, not the citizens of Wasco County. As we know Oregon is number one in corporate campaign contributions per capita in the country with no limit set. Corporate money has blocked all previous efforts to combat climate change in Oregon.

I urge you to support SB 1530.

Sincerely,



Sheila Dooley

██████████
Mosier, Oregon 97040

Karen and Steve Murray

From: Karen and Steve Murray [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2020 12:50 PM
To: 'scotth@co.wasco.or.us'; 'kathys@co.wasco.or.us'; 'stevek@co.wasco.or.us'
Subject: Please SUPPORT SB 1530

Dear County Commissioners:

I opposed your resolution 20-002

I sincerely hope you will be SUPPORTING Climate Action in the state of Oregon, not opposing it. The "science" is in, climate change is happening and it will not get any cheaper to take action. In fact, it will get more and more expensive to address climate change in our future. Oregon needs to be a leader in Climate Action and anything less is unacceptable. I sincerely believe it would be wrong to oppose SB 1530.

There are provisions in the bill to "provide assistance to households, businesses and workers impacted by climate change and climate change policies." That sounds like a pretty good thing to me. I believe there is misinformation out there on the drastic impacts this bill will have on our economy here in Wasco County. I hope you are doing your research to sincerely get the facts straight. I know change can be hard but we need to make some changes and curb our CO₂

I am a retired science teacher from the area and I hope we are following the science and not just reacting to the negativity. Agriculture will be one of areas hardest hit by climate change. We all need to work together and start making changes in the way we do things, share the load as much as possible and face reality. We need to deal with climate change now and not just keep putting it off. We need to follow the scientific facts. *+make some changes.*

Your constituent,

Karen Gartland Murray
[REDACTED]
The Dalles, Oregon 97058

Wasco County Court Special Session CAP & TRADE
2/27/2020

Dear Wasco County Commissioner's,

I will share my first hand experience of attending the SB1530 (CAP & Trade) hearing on February 6, 2020 at the Oregon State Capitol in Salem, Oregon. I want to create for the record, my voice against SB 1530 and the identically worded HB 4167

I heard excellent well thought out testimony and some based on sound science that was presented to the Senate Committee.

* An alternate 4 point plan was submitted with no additional taxes to be imposed on Oregonians. It was totally ignored.

* Multiple people shared the devastating impacts CAP & TRADE will have on their personal businesses.

* Visiting Commissioners from across the State stated the financial burdens/impacts that would result in more businesses being shuttered in their various communities.

I do not feel anyone exaggerated their concerns for the future of their livelihoods. The cost to come into compliance to meet carbon standards, simply put are not feasible.

I resent the fact Kate Brown met with the President of Communist China! It is insulting to think she has invited them to our table to discuss green energy and green jobs in Oregon, when China has never shown an interest in coming to the International Table to discuss their contributions of CO2 into the environment.

When Chair Dumbrow of the Senate Committee was asked several times throughout the hearing if this truly was to address environmental issues or was it about generating revenue, he never would answer the question, but totally ignored it as though he had not heard and moved on. We know billions of dollars will be made by trading carbon credits on the open market. However the Bill does not have a mechanism to say how or if that money will be used. When this was brought to question, Chair Dumbrow said, "We can address that after we pass the bill". In addition to the billions of dollars generated, additional taxes in the millions will be placed on every household in Oregon. We will be paying higher electric bill, for example, Pacific Corp who serves Astoria is already looking at rate hikes of an additional \$4.00 per month per household in 2021. As fuel and heating costs increase, we must also remember the cost on log trucks, farm machinery and virtually any vehicle that can not meet the emission standard. They will be forced to buy credits further adding taxes on vehicles relied on for livelihoods. You may have heard the map exempts us for a certain period of years before being phased into the boundary. So part of Oregon will be taxed right from the beginning and other areas gradually being included. What Oregonian is going to want to be taxed to carry the weight of CAP & TRADE prior to neighboring counties being taxed? What a ludicrous plan.

One thing that really angers me is the language inserted into the Bill specifically taking out the protection of the open Public Records Law. Our Senators, Representatives, or any one of us will never be able to see the dealings of a hand picked/unaccountable committee who will oversee the dealings of CAP & TRADE.. Again plain ludicrous! Every Oregonian should have access to OUR business at any time.

To Senator Ginny Burdick who said the people don't need to vote on CAP & TRADE because it's too complicated. I say give us a try, let us vote! To Kate Brown who said, "revenge is a dish best served up cold and slowly.", I say, WE FEEL IT !!! but I believe in Karma and your day will come. To you Commissioners, I say if you still have a desire to foist Kate's revenge on us, please remember, CAP & TRADE was intentionally created

to be complex and confusing. As Senator Dumbrow alluded, the impacts of CAP & TRADE are indeterminate, in other words, he's ready to make a law not knowing in advance the impact it will have on Oregonian's. The next time you Commissioners need to generate revenue for our county via a levy or bond, please remember, we may already be taxed to the max with CAP & TRADE ,out of business or moved on to live in another state. I encourage you to take a vote, support your constituents and write a proclamation stating Wasco County does not support SB 1530 and HB 4167.

Thank you,

Kathleen Cantrell

Dufur,Oregon 97021

Feb 27, 2020

February 27, 2020

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Annelie Cantrell, I am a resident of Wasco County and I urge you to **OPPOSE** SB 1530 and HB 4167, the Cap and Trade bills that are being considered by our legislature.

These bills would be detrimental to Oregonians, specifically the residents of Wasco County as the cost of energy will increase with the proposed taxes. This is a tax policy disguised as an environmental policy. The increase to cost of inputs and operations will hurt those involved in agriculture production in Wasco County. Oregon agricultural products will be more expensive to produce but they will be competing in the same market with producers from other states that do not have had the added costs. Agricultural producers are not the only ones that will experience added financial burden. The cost of living for every household in Wasco County will increase as these increased costs to energy are implemented. If the goal of the Cap and Trade bill truly is to reduce our carbon footprint there are other viable ways to do that without placing additional financial burden upon the people of Oregon (such as the 4 point plan presented to Governor Brown and our state legislatures by Timber Unity).

I question the actual effectiveness of these bills to reduce carbon emissions in the big picture. If manufactures and producers of products will leave the state of Oregon due to the financial impact of these bills their products and services will still be used by the people of Oregon so it seems as though we just shift the carbon emissions to other places while making Oregon's emission numbers look good. In addition exemptions are provided by the bills to some of the largest producers of carbon emissions in the state.

These bills lack transparency due to provisions in the bills that exempt financial and other information from public records requests.

Each of these bills contain emergency clauses that deny the people of Oregon the opportunity to vote on either bill. The people of Oregon should be able to vote on matters that will have such a financial impact on them.

As local Wasco County residents deal with the increased cost of energy, fuel, utilities and services there will be additions unforeseen negative impacts on our rural communities that are already stretched financially. It takes the involvement of people to make communities work. In our rural communities this involvement is often volunteer and comes at a cost to those volunteering. One example of this would be the EMS services in our rural areas. Each volunteer agency in our county struggles to have trained EMS personnel to provide service to their area. I am a volunteer EMT here in Wasco County. I love serving the people of rural Wasco County. I do my best to be there whenever there is a need day or night and that comes at a cost in the form of time, energy, and money. It is very common for me to take time off from my paying job to respond to ambulance calls and to obtain training hours necessary to maintain my licensing. Many costs associated with volunteering, attending training, and maintaining the required certifications comes out of my pocket. Will I and people like me continue to be able to afford the time and money to volunteer and provide vital services to our communities as the Cap and Trade tax goes into effect and our cost of living increases?

Like most Oregonians I care a great deal for our environment. On an individual level I do my best to lesson my carbon footprint by doing things such as implementing soil and water conservation practices, planting carbon sequestering plants and trees, recycling, composting, growing much of my own food, being creative about reusing and repurposing items, and consolidating trips to town. I have always taken pride in being from Oregon and part of the reason for that is because Oregon cares about the environment and the future and takes active measures to protect both. Neither SB 1530 or HB 4167 do that! I am opposed to the current cap and trade bills because they are not good for the environment, they are not good for Wasco County's

economy, and they are not good for the communities of Wasco County. Please sign a proclamation letting our state officials know that Wasco County is opposed to SB 1530 and HB 4167

Thank you,

Annelie Cantrell

Dufur, OR

Feb 27, 2020



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Opposition

1 message

Dave Beeson [redacted] >

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 1:53 PM

To: scottth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

There is no need to rewrite the sentiments that I agree with.



Daniel Bonham 🌐

February 25 at 11:42 AM · 🌟

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The table is tilted, the cards have been marked, and the dice are loaded. Since day one, Cap and trade has been rigged to achieve a politically motivated outcome. Republicans have repeatedly come to the table but Democrats have rejected any attempt to have rural concerns addressed. They have said no to every Republican amendment, they have - without a clear explanation - refused to send the measure before voters, and have chosen to advance cap-and-trade without a complete fiscal and revenue analyses.

Yesterday, lacking the votes to advance SB 1530 out of committee, they again changed the rules to deploy a rarely used procedural maneuver to advance the bill to the Senate floor by any means necessary. Instead of taking a step back and choosing to prioritize the bipartisan budget bills and policy tweaks that would be appropriate for a short session, House Democrats chose to abuse the legislative process further by introducing new measures to rig electoral outcomes favorable to their special interest donors. Oregonians, not the special interests, deserve a voice in this process.

House Republicans will no longer stand for the repeated abuses of the short session by Governor Kate Brown and the majority party. We have maintained that opportunities for compromise exist, but efforts to achieve consensus have been rejected at every turn. As of today, we have reached an impasse. We support the actions of our Republicans in the Senate and we intend to join them in their protest of the blatant disrespect for the legislative process and the voters of Oregon.

I am not longer willing to gamble the future of rural Oregon on a rigged process. This isn't the Oregon way.

Myself and numerous others are requesting that you stand in opposition SB1530 and HB4167. I appreciate all that you do and the efforts that you put in that get ignored, but we need your voices in opposition to this right now.

Thank you!

Dave



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

STOP SB 1530 / Cap & Trade

1 message

Lisa Farquharson <lisa@thedalleschamber.com>

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 12:36 PM

To: Steve Kramer <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>, Kathy Schwartz <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>, Scott Hege <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>

One of the priorities of The Dalles Area Chamber of Commerce "TDACC" and its Board of Directors is to represent our local chamber members in legislation. We are here to be your voice and take a stand on issues that impact your businesses. TDACC supports or opposes policies that will or will not enable businesses to succeed and continue to have job and income growth in each of our communities.

For 2020, TDACC requests that the Oregon legislature stay true to the intent of the short session by keeping focused on limited policy discussions, additional expenditures afforded by our growing economy, and policy adjustments stemming from the 2019 legislative session.

The Dalles Area Chamber supports:

1. Increased tourism investments (HB 4047)
2. Flexibility in administration of new CAT tax (HB 4009)
3. Investment in affordable housing & community -OAHTC & IDAs
4. Investment in local airports (HB 4036)
5. Investments in higher education
6. Investments in county fairgrounds
7. Additional BOLI Technical Assistance for Eastern Oregon (HB 4087)

The Dalles Area Chamber opposes:

1. Cap-and-Trade (SB 1530)

2. Increasing the cost of private investment in Enterprise Zones (HB 4045)
3. Interfering with Employer/Employee non-compete agreements (SB 1527)
4. Unemployment benefits during labor disputes (HB 4007)
5. Real Estate Transfer Taxes (HJR 203)

Cap-and-Trade hurts Oregonians across the state by saddling businesses and families with additional taxes and costs, ultimately harming our economy and way of life.

•SB 1530 on Cap-and-Trade hurts small businesses and working Oregonians. Cap-and-Trade brings with it increased costs of everyday items like fuel, electricity, food and household goods. The average family would pay an estimated \$700 - \$1,000 more per year in higher costs for these items, including an immediate 22-cent increase in gas prices.

•SB 1530 on Cap-and-Trade hurts our economy with lost jobs and backroom deal-making. Politically-connected corporations would have an unfair advantage to escape the tax, while less politically-connected businesses would face higher taxes and costs. Cap-and-Trade would cost Oregon thousands of living-wage jobs as businesses move to other states with higher carbon emissions.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Oregon's proposed Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

David Maier [REDACTED]
To: kathys@co.wasco.or.us
Cc: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 12:05 PM

Kathy,

I am writing to ask for your support in opposing our State's proposed Cap and Trade Bill looming over us in this hurried-up short session of our Oregon State Legislature. All of us here in Oregon, Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike, revel in our State's success in leading our nation

and the world in environmental progress. We all share your concerns about clean air, clean water, preserving our forests and leaving Oregon more livable and pristine for our children and their children. We have all participated in this endeavor for generations, together! This present Cap and Trade Bill

is really over the top politically, environmentally, and economically. I ask you to oppose the passing of this extreme measure. Let the proponents sell it to our State's voters so Oregonians can all know what is really in this bill and let Oregonians with our history of balancing environmental choices with

progress decide the merits of a very controversially extreme, radical, and ultimately political bill!

Our County, which is already carbon neutral, would be required to shoulder a burden that would be unnecessary and unfair, AND would do very little to accomplish what the proponents of this bill are trying to sell it as. If they want to raise money, raise the taxes already in place. This would be much

more transparent and easier to swallow! This legislation is right out of Joseph Heller's "Catch 22", where Major Major is trying to dump his Egyptian cotton debacle, coating it in chocolate and selling it as dessert to our soldiers! Ask our legislators to step up and if they want more of our money to

spend, at least have the courage to actually step up and ask for it.

Please, as a conscientious representative of Wasco County, help us all defeat this terrible piece of legislation!

Thank you,

David Maier
[REDACTED]

The Dalles, Oregon 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

2 messages

Ed Loop [REDACTED] Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 4:45 PM
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Hey Steve it's Ed Loop Jr. I'm not gonna be able to show at the courthouse tomorrow, but I'd like you to know that I am very opposed to this tax. Just putting in my two cents . Thanks
Ed Loop

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us> Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 7:10 PM
To: Ed Loop <edoregonequipment@gmail.com>

Thank you, will carry your opinion

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 26, 2020, at 16:46, Ed Loop <edoregonequipment@gmail.com> wrote:

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No cap and trade

2 messages

LaMont Jones [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 5:34 PM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

We don't need Cap & Trade. It's bad for the economy and business. Thanks for listening.

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 7:08 PM

To: LaMont Jones <menty1967@gmail.com>

Thank you LaMont!!!

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 26, 2020, at 17:34, LaMont Jones <menty1967@gmail.com> wrote:

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

2 messages

Jerry Duling [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 5:38 PM

Hi Steve,

I just wanted to get on the record as being opposed to the Cap and Trade Legislation. As you know we in the agriculture industry operate on very thin margins and can't afford the increase in energy costs that will occur with Cap and Trade. We have gone to great lengths already by reducing tillage, using technology and increasing efficiency and feel we have done a good job reducing our carbon footprint. I'm sure more can be done but it has to be logical and have enough benefit to outweigh the costs. This legislation does NOT outweigh the costs and the benefits are microscopic.

Hopefully Wasco County will stand with most of Oregon's counties and be opposed to this Legislation.

Sincerely:

Jerry Duling
Duling's Natural Pasture LLC
Maupin, OR.

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
To: Jerry Duling [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 7:07 PM

Thank you Jerry

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 26, 2020, at 17:38, Jerry Duling <jerryduling@gmail.com> wrote:

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

Elizabeth Polehn [REDACTED] Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 5:42 PM
To: "kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>, "scotth@co.wasco.or.us" <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my opposition to the CAP and Trade Bill. I feel it unfairly targets businesses such as farmers, loggers, delivery businesses and many others that use a considerable amount of fuel.

My husband and I are cherry orchard orchardists. While we would be heavily taxed on the fuel that we would use to grow our crop we would not be credited in any way for the hundreds of acres of trees that produce immense amounts of oxygen.

I do not feel that the way this bill has come about is fair to the Oregon voters and has not given us a process for objection. In fact the voters voted this down. I think that is the voice that all Oregon politicians should be listening to.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Polehn



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Pollute

2 messages

vanorman@gorge.net [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 5:51 PM

Commissioner Kramer: Pollution is a global problem and can only be improved by a total global effort. The current SB 1530, I believe, is another attempt by the swamp critters of 'The State of Willamette' to enhance their feudal lordship at the expense of the rest of us. The utterly miniscule possibly gained of this proposal globally do not come close to matching the ruinous losses in the livelihoods of working Oregonians. Remember The Spotted Owl! I fully support the walkout by the Senate Republicans.

Gary R. VanOrman
The Dalles

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
To: [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 7:06 PM

Thank you Gary

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 26, 2020, at 17:51, vanorman@gorge.net wrote:

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Fwd: Cap and trade

1 message

Mark Keimig [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 8:27 PM

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From: Mark Keimig [REDACTED] >
Date: Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 8:24 PM
Subject: Cap and trade
To: scoth@co.wasco.or.us <scoth@co.wasco.or.us>

I urge you to oppose cap and trade bill, Thanks Steve



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Special Wasco County Court Meeting 2/27/2020

1 message

J K Cantrell [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 3:33 AM

2/26/2020

Dear Commissioner Kramer,

Thank you for holding a special meeting so the people of Wasco County can voice their concerns pertaining to CAP & TRADE. SB1530 and the identically worded HB4167.

I want to state I am vehemently opposed to both Bills. I look forward to offering testimony at the meeting on 2/27/2020. At that time I would ask the Commissioners to join with the 27 other counties in Oregon who have officially opposed CAP & TRADE. I encourage you Commissioners to write a Proclamation to affirm your opposition.

Thank You,
Sincerely,
Kathleen Cantrell
Dufur, Oregon 97021



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Fwd: Oppose Cap & Trade SB 1530 & 4167

1 message

Kathy Clark <kathyc@co.wasco.or.us>

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 8:23 AM

To: Kathy Schwartz <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>, Scott Hege <scoth@co.wasco.or.us>, Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cc: Tyler Stone <tylers@co.wasco.or.us>

Good Morning, Commissioners-

The message below came in this morning.



**Kathy Clark | Executive Assistant
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

kathyc@co.wasco.or.us | www.co.wasco.or.us
541-506-2520 | Fax 541-506-2551

511 Washington Street, Suite 101 | The Dalles, OR 97058

Please note: Our office will be closed, March 11, 2020 for an All-Staff Training

----- Forwarded message -----

From: A Cantrell [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 8:13 AM
Subject: Oppose Cap & Trade SB 1530 & 4167
To: <kathyc@co.wasco.or.us>

February 27, 2020

Dear Commissioners,

My name is Annelie Cantrell, I am a resident of Wasco County and I urge you to **OPPOSE** SB 1530 and HB 4167, the Cap and Trade bills that are being considered by our legislature.

- **These bills would be detrimental to Oregonians, specifically the residents of Wasco County as the cost of energy will increase with the proposed taxes.** This is a tax policy disguised as an environmental policy. The increase in cost of inputs and operations will hurt those involved in agriculture production in Wasco County. Oregon agricultural products will be more expensive to produce but they will be competing in the same market with producers from other states that do not have the added costs. Agricultural producers are not the only ones that will experience added financial burden. The cost of living for every household in Wasco County will increase as these increased costs to energy are implemented. If the goal of the Cap and Trade bill truly is to reduce our carbon footprint there are other viable ways to do that without placing additional financial burden upon the people of Oregon (such as the 4 point plan presented to Governor Brown and our state legislatures by Timber Unity).
- **I question the actual effectiveness of these bills to reduce carbon emissions in the big picture.** If manufacturers and producers of products will leave the state of Oregon due to the financial impact of these bills their products and services will still be used by the people of Oregon so it seems as though we just shift the carbon emissions to other places while making Oregon's emission numbers look good. In addition exemptions are provided by the bills to some of the largest producers of carbon emissions in the state.
- **These bills lack transparency due to provisions in the bills that exempt financial and other information from public records requests.**
- **Each of these bills contain emergency clauses that deny the people of Oregon the opportunity to vote on either bill.** The people of Oregon should be able to vote on matters that will have such a financial impact on them.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

(no subject)

1 message

Thomas Melum [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us, scotth@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 10:29 AM

A YES VOTE ON A PROCLAMATION AGAINST THIS RIDICULOUS CAP AND TRADE BILL IS A NO BRAINER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DONE THEIR HOME WORK AND HAVE ANY COMMON SENSE.

TOM MELUM
THE DALLES



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

SB 1530

1 message

Alex Hattenhauer [REDACTED] Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 11:46 AM
To: "scotth@co.wasco.or.us" <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>,
"kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>

Hi Folks / unfortunately I am not able to attend today but I hope you all see thru the partisan movement of this ridiculous Cap and Trade scheme.

Attached was my previous thoughts pertaining to HB 2020 / my thoughts and perception has not changed.

And of note / Oregon already has a "Clean Fuels Program" that my company funded in excess of \$420,000 in 2019 and will increase to apx. \$650,000 during this year of 2020.

Respectfully,

Alex Hattenhauer

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Greetings,

I wish to take a minute to share with you how disdain this House Bill 2020 will prove to Oregon residents.

1. Economic impacts will be significant for those folks (which are many) that currently struggle to make ends meet. Increased costs to groceries, clothing, every day amenities, transportation, electricity and other resources that make everyday life possible will boil over the top and put these folks into dire straits to survive. Therefor the burden will be placed heavily on social services, welfare, food assistance programs, housing assistance programs and other assistance programs and services that will lean heavily on the local population to support their causes. An elite group of anti-fossil fuel promoters should not be allowed to strip the quality of life from the citizens of Oregon.
2. Oregon is already making great strides with alternative fuels and alternative energy supply. Oregon is cruising right along with the current LCFS program. Oregon already has great energy infrastructure built to serve it's citizens. Technology is currently not available to steer the ship another direction. Oregonians are great stewards of the air, water and the land and will follow the right path forward as technology presents itself with an affordable and sustainable alternative.
3. Oregon is alive with trees and vegetation that sequesters Carbon. Shame on state and feds who have done a poor job to keep this industry alive (and they can blame the environmentalists because they would be correct). Dead and dying trees emit carbon, large out of control wildfires emit carbon.
4. Oregon is a very unique state and has thrived from diversity. This will come to an end. The family farm will be gone. Small single site operators of fuel and propane facilities that support the local communities with sports team sponsorships, 4H, girl scouts, school fund raisers, community events etc. will be flushed out by corporate and large monopolistic corporations that will rather send their money back to corporate (likely in another state).
5. Oregon has already lost generational knowledge and skills in manufacturing, the timber industry and many others. Many more will be lost under HB 2020 and the burden will be placed on the citizens of Oregon to find a new way of life. This should not be at the hands of the anti-fossil fuel promoters.
6. Oregon's transportation of goods will be greatly impacted with exponential increases to motor fuels. Inevitably an increase in rail and marine transportation will prevail and as they are exempt under HB 2020 that will prove to be simply a carbon transfer and a net net zero.
7. HB 2020 will open the door to fraud and corruption. You can search the internet and find an endless scheme of events around similar programs and California Cap and Trade is no exception. RIN trading has been heavily burdened with fraud and market manipulation. And in the end the folks that will lose are the citizens that make up our great state of Oregon.
8. In summary HB 2020 will place a huge burden on the citizens of Oregon.
9. For consideration / other technologies that are emerging such as batteries, windmills and solar have not yet trialed with nature long enough to see what the repercussions are for future generations.
10. The citizens of Oregon should decide / if this is what the people of this great state want then so be it. This so called elitist group has no right under the authority of the keepers of our earth to make this decision. They are too biased in their own opinions and fears.

Dear Commissioner,

My family has been farming fruit for 5 generations. We are a Century Farm and are located in Hood River Valley. Hood River Valley is a beautiful place, but unfortunately, the way of life that we live is in demise due to the state's lack of support to our farming way of life.

Our family opposes the Cap and Trade tax that Governor Brown is trying to pass. It would add thousands of dollars of cost to our operation. We employ and house many families who would also be affected by this tax. The families that work with us love this way of life just as much as we do and are a part of our family. We cannot continue growing fruit for the world when congress wants to put us out of business. Then where will you get your food? What will you tell our families and co-workers as they can no longer afford gas and food?

As you know, the farmer cannot add the cost to their fruit that is sold. The prices that we receive for our fruit has gone down while every year the costs of creating the fruit has risen. Will you worry then about where Oregon commodities that are already taxed went?

Oregon is a farm-based state. We produce an incredible variety of commodities from black berries to cattle. How can we keep Oregon from becoming California? It's not what Oregonians want. If there are people who want that, move to CALIFORNIA!

If I may suggest, go out into the rural areas that you are representing. Learn something about what they do and see their intense pride in their work, their land, their homes. Not just the owners feel this way, listen to their dreams. Don't decide our future without looking into the eyes of the farmer.

We deserve to be heard! We deserve to vote and we deserve Oregon Congress to support and represent us. We are Oregonians and this is not our Oregon.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Steve Ferrell [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 10:31 AM

I am really tired of these Bills like the cap and trade being shoved down our throat. I am highly opposed to the cap and trade legislation. This needs to be stopped or say goodbye to thousands of jobs in Oregon.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade

1 message

Ron Archer [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 9:52 AM

Steve

Wasco county should not support this issue. Please do anything you can to oppose it.

Thanks

Ron Archer



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

cousinsteph [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 5:29 AM

I am a lifelong resident of Wasco county. I and many people I know oppose Cap and Trade. My brother in law is a local wheat farmer, I don't want to see his business suffer. There are too many unknowns with this bill. Please help us oppose this bill.

Thank you, Stephanie Hoffman
The Dalles, Or

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Oppose Cap and trade

1 message

Theresa Ewing [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:07 AM

Commissioner Kramer,

Please oppose the cap and trade bill. We in Wasco County would greatly be affected by this bill. We are agricultural and this bill increases the products cost which supports many families in our county.

The assurances given by Gov. Brown that gas will stay low is not the way to improve the environment! Our state is one of the cleanest in the US.

Please stand with many of us and vote to oppose.

Thank you

Theresa Ewing



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

cap and trade

2 messages

Blaine Carver [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 10:59 AM

Mr Kramer and all who it concerns in Wasco County Oregon. I strongly oppose the current cap and trade bills being presented to the oregon legislature. Please tell Salem that Wasco county opposes these bills! Thanks, Blaine Carver

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
To: Blaine Carver <carvermag@yahoo.com>

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 7:39 AM

Good morning Blaine,

Thank you for your support and help with this.
I tried last week but could not get a vote, I've called for a special session Thursday 27th 3:00 pm to move this. Keep the letters coming.

Thank you
Steve
Sent from my iPad

On Feb 22, 2020, at 10:59, Blaine Carver <carvermag@yahoo.com> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade bill

1 message

Kim Mead [REDACTED]
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 10:51 AM

My husband and I are both generational Wasco County residents and want to encourage your support in opposing the Cap and Trade bill.

Respectfully,

Bill and Kim Mead



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade Bill

1 message

Barbra Ambrose [REDACTED]
Reply-To: Barbra Ambrose <bjambrose5@yahoo.com>
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:23 AM

Steve, We are both long time residents of Wasco County. We are, both, **highly opposed to the Cap & Trade bill** that is trying to be passed. Please know you have our support in fighting against this bill. Sincerely, Barbra & Melvin Ambrose, Maupin, OR.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Rebecca Hogenkamp [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:19 AM

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Please do whatever you can to support sending the matter to the voters. I know it's tough with metro area voters overwhelming the electorate but we need to be heard. Thank you for helping.
Rebecca Hogenkamp, Maupin.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Lynn Ewing [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:18 AM

We need to kill the cap and trade bill currently being considered in Salem. While I understand the fear of climate change, we must realize that this bill will have zero impact on the climate and horrendous impact on the economy of Oregon, especially our rural economies.

Wasco County depends heavily on agriculture, timber, and tourism. Every one of these industries will feel a negative impact from this bill.

If the government of Oregon truly wants to impact carbon emissions in the state, plant more trees.

Sincerely,
Lynn Ewing



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Oppose cap and trade

1 message

Josh Duling [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:14 AM

Hello,

As a wasco county resident and a 4th generation farmer I urge you to vote against the cap and trade bill. It will only hinder the economy in wasco county when the bill becomes statewide in 5 years. I am also the on the Oregon Wheat Growers League board as Wasco Counties president and I can assure that no one in the farming industry supports this bill.

-Josh Duling

Sent from my iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade stupidity

1 message

Rob Miles, Imperial River Company [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:08 AM

Reply-To: rob@deschutesriver.com

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Dear Steve,

Please represent me in full opposition any cap and trade scam. A ridiculous environmental boondoggle that will have no actual benefit except padding beaurocrat's pockets.

Thank you for representing me,

Rob Miles
Imperial River Company

Caution: sent from a smart phone, autocorrect dumbness in progress.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade - opposing

1 message

mistyhuling [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 2:01 PM

Hi Steve,

My name is Misty Duling. I have lived here all my life in a farming family in Wasco county. I want to send my vote to oppose and vote against this cap and trade vote from happening in our county.

Sincerely,
Misty Duling

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Opposition To Cap & Trade bills

1 message

Bob Larsell [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:49 PM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, Kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Commissioners,

As we are all acquainted, I thought I should send you an email to express my opinion, re: the two Cap & Trade bills now before our Oregon Congress.

As you have noticed there are a number of Oregon counties in opposition. The residents of those counties and our own will suffer greatly if these bills become law.

I hope, as Wasco County's political spokespersons and as representatives of your constituents that you will indeed join the other counties opposed to higher taxes and fees.

Therefore I would ask that you too, unanimously vote to oppose both SB 1530 and HB 4167.

More taxes won't change the weather!

Respectfully yours,

Bob Larsell
Seed to Table Farm
Larsell Ranch
Maupin



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Greg [REDACTED] >

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:39 PM

To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>, Scott Hege <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, Schwartzk@co.wasco.or.us

Commissioners, It is my understanding that our commission will be taking action to express to our state government our stand on the proposed "Cap and Trade" bill. I would respectfully request that we as a county urge our state legislators to not pass the proposed bill as it will have little if any effect on what some people view as global warming and the unintended consequences to our rural economy could be devastating!

Respectfully,

Greg Weast

[REDACTED]

The Dalles, OR



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wasco County Cap and Trade

1 message

nicole chaisson [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:33 PM

Proposal unto the Board of Commissioners
for Wasco County
STATE OF OREGON

Opposition To Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167

Whereas, the Wasco County Board of Commissioners represents an estimated 26,437 people and;

Whereas, Wasco County provides a wide range of critically needed services to it's residents including roads, parks, senior services, juvenile services and public safety; and

Whereas, the residents of Wasco County have suffered from years of the impacts from wildfires and wildfire smoke from mismanaged public land in and around our County, which has and continues to significantly impact our economy; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 will directly impact the cost to Wasco County and it's residents by way of significant increases in the cost to provide services through increased utility costs and increased fuels related to providing those critically needed services; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 impacts through increases in utility costs and fuel costs will further burden the residents of Wasco County who are already burdened by the increased costs of living in our communities through higher rents, increasing costs to purchase a home and additional tax burdens placed on the by the State of Oregon; and

Whereas, Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 impacts through increased utility costs and extra fuel costs will significantly hamper the ability of the residents of Wasco County to attempt to recover from the economic devastation caused by wildfires and wildfire smoke; and

Whereas, any benefits derived through Senate Bill 1530 and/or House Bill 4167, many of which are in dispute, do not justify the penalties and cost imposed by the corresponding Bill(s).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Wasco County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim that Wasco County, Oregon is opposed to Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 of the 80th Oregon Legislative Assembly which will have punitive impacts on Wasco County and the citizens of Wasco County.

On Sat, Feb 22, 2020, 9:25 AM nicole chaisson <nchaisson@gmail.com> wrote:

Make sure your proclamation includes SB 5130 and HB 4167

Talked to senator betsy johnson, senator hansell, and rep Bonham yesterday. SB 5130 has enough legal proof to state it is a tax and it was supposed to go through the house first. So they introduced the clone HB 4167 to cover their butts.

There are many examples from the other counties. Can we add a gut and stuff line item to include 2A? Or generic government over reach without allowing the citizens to vote?

I really appreciate this! South Wasco county wasn't sure about you. I know now the word is out about how you are fighting for them.

Thank You!

Nicole Chaisson

On Thu, Feb 20, 2020, 7:54 PM Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us> wrote:

2/26/2020

Wasco County Mail - Wasco County Cap and Trade

> Josephine Co 84,000
> Jefferson Co 23,800
> Marion Co 346,000
> Polk Co 83,000
> Columbia Co 50,000
> Lake Co 8,100
> Jackson Co 219,564
> =
> 1,612,564 Million Oregonians Oppose Cap and Trade!
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> Please listen to the people since Salem is not. We ask for transparency. If we have
to pay for it then let us vote on it.
>
> With regards,
>
> Nicole Chaisson
> The Dalles, OR
> [REDACTED]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade bill

1 message

Rodney Woodside [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:12 PM

Steve & County Commissioners :

I Rod Woodside, business owner and resident of South Wasco County, would like to see my County Commission take an opposition position on the caps & trade bill. I do not believe that it is in the best interest of our businesses or private sector.

I do not believe in Sanctuary anything, but I would also like our County Commissioners take a stance against gun control issues, they all infringe on our 2nd Amendment rights.

Thanks

Rodney A. Woodside

Richmond's Service

South Wasco Co. Ambulance

Maupin Vol. Fire Dept.

Rodney_AW@Yahoo.com

Cell 541-980-0005

Bus. 541-395-2638



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Oppose SB 1530

1 message

Shilah Olson [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:12 PM

Dear Commissioner Kramer,

As Wasco County voters and tax payers, we urge our County Commissioners to oppose SB1530. This bill will increase utility and fuel costs, harming agricultural businesses and stifling economic growth.

Passage of SB1530 is not in the best interest of Wasco County and we hope that our County Commission will formally oppose this bill.

Thank you,

Albert & Shilah Olson

Dufur, OR



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

(no subject)

1 message

J. Patrick Bowman [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:07 PM

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

We oppose the cap and trade bill.

John P. Bowman

Janice J. Bowman

Wasco County voters



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Cheryl Ortega [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 12:47 PM

I oppose the Cap and Trade bill currently on the agenda.

Cheryl Ortega
[REDACTED], The Dalles, OR 97058
[REDACTED]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No Cap-n-Trade

1 message

Andrew Lewis [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:28 AM

I am completely opposed to the legislature's desire to create and pass the Cap and Trade bill without a vote of the public. Please do everything within your power to get Wasco County to formally oppose this oppressive tax measure.

Thank you

Andrew Lewis
SagePoint Financial
Shorttail Farms
Maupin, OR



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

M. D. Hunt Construction [REDACTED]

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 9:59 PM

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

As a small business that could be adversely affected to the extent of putting us out of business we strongly oppose this bill.

Micheal Hunt
Lynda Hunt
M.D. Hunt Construction



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Opposing cap & trade bill

1 message

Kylie Reed [REDACTED]
To: Stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 9:42 PM

Steve,

Please add my vote against the cap and trade bill.

Thanks,
Kylie Duling



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

krisbelozer@gmail.com [REDACTED]
To: Stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 4:20 PM

No cap and trade!!! I oppose this.

Belozers iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Michelle Davis [REDACTED]
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 3:04 PM

Dear Steve,

Please let the state government know that I don't agree with cap and trade.

Sincerely
Michelle burnett
[REDACTED]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Johnson, Greg [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 2:42 PM

Steve,

As a rural Oregonian I am vehemently opposed to the cap and trade bill that is currently being pushed on the state of Oregon by the Democrat super majority in Salem. This bill is unfairly punitive to those of us who live in the rural parts of Oregon. Furthermore, it will be financially destructive to our farmers and loggers who need to use fossil fuels to provide food, fiber, and lumber to help fuel the economy of Oregon.

The cap and trade bill unilaterally enacted upon one of the smaller economies of the USA will make a negligible impact upon global climate change, but it will have a disastrous affect on many who live here.

Please do all you can to oppose this horrible piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Greg Johnson
The Dalles, OR.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Legislation

1 message

David Griffith [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 2:25 PM

Steve

Please do not the Cap and Trade legislation.

David A Griffith

Port of The Dalles

Commissioner



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Kelly Pashek [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 2:08 PM

Please oppose The Cap and trade bill.
Kelly and Richard Chance.
Wasco County residents.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Sanctuary

3 messages

desertrosequarterhorses [REDACTED]
 To: Stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 1:31 PM

Commissioner Kramer,

I am hoping that you can support you constituents in supporting a proclamation opposing Cap and Trade for Wasco County.

Please join the following counties on this hidden tax that will cause a trickle down effect that will impact everyone in higher costs for food, gas, and utilities

Easter Oregon Counties Association 500,000
 (Klamath Co 66,000)
 (Jefferson Co 23,800)
 Linn Co 125,000
 Douglas Co 109,000
 Coos Co 64,000
 Josephine Co 84,000
 Jefferson Co 23,800
 Marion Co 346,000
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 1,612,564 Million Oregonians Oppose Cap and Trade!

Please listen to the people since Salem is not. We ask for transparency. If we have to pay for it then let us vote on it.

With regards,

Jeanne Capps
 Maupin, Oregon
 [REDACTED]

Sent from my U.S.Cellular® Smartphone

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
 To: desertrosequarterhorses <desertrosequarterhorses@gmail.com>

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 7:44 AM

Good morning Jeanne,

Thank you for your letter and support.
 I tried to move this last week but my colleagues would not second my motion.
 I've called for a special session for Thursday 27th, 3:00 pm. I'm opposed to all 7 cap and tax bills.
 Please keep the letters coming from your friends and family.

Thank you
 Steve



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

cap and trade

1 message

Darlien France [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 8:48 AM

Steve,

We both oppose the Cap & Trade bill and any other bill that is proposed with seen or hidden taxes implemented on Oregonians.

Thank you for your representation.

Darrell and Darlien France



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap in trade

1 message

Larry [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 8:45 AM

We need to stop cap in trade as it will kill agricultural and small businesses!

Larry Magill
541-993-9824

Sent from my iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

jack@fishyfs.com [REDACTED]
Reply-To: [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us
Cc: scoth@co.wasco.or.us, Schwartzk@co.wasco.or.us

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 8:06 AM

Commissioners, It is my understanding that our commission will be taking action to express to our state government our stand on the proposed "Cap and Trade" bill. I too would respectfully request that we as a county urge our state legislators to not pass the proposed bill as it will have little if any effect on what some people view as global warming and the unintended consequences to our rural economy could be devastating!

Respectfully,

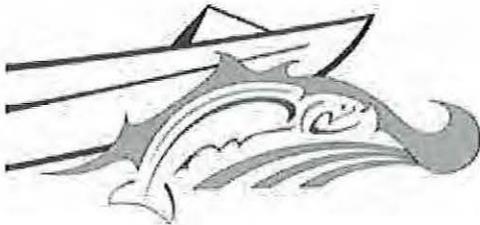
Capt. Jack LaFond

[REDACTED]

The Dalles, OR

Young's Fishing Service, Inc.

[REDACTED]



2/26/2020

Wasco County Mail - That cap and tax bill is only that just a tax bill to pump up pers.... we all know it...please oppose it. There are so man...



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

That cap and tax bill is only that just a tax bill to pump up pers.... we all know it...please oppose it. There are so many more taxes coming out of Salem, it's just crazy... unnecessary...

1 message

Norman Miller [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:47 PM

Sent from my iPad



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade Bill OBJECTION

1 message

Jerry Frazier [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 4:35 AM

Steve,

I see only negative values for the rural areas of Eastern Oregon resulting from this proposed legislation. Please DO NOT SUPPORT this measure.

Jerry Frazier



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Objection to Cap & Trade

1 message

Betsy Hege [REDACTED]

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 10:05 PM

To: Scott Hege <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Dear Wasco County Commissioners:

I am writing to express my objection to the Cap and Trade bill - Senate Bill 1530. This legislation is so convoluted with amendments that even the leaked Revenue report could not identify a clear path through the tangle of amendments to understand how to price it.

The bill creates a layer of unelected government officials with immense power over state policy and the tax revenue created by the bill, yet no accountability to voters. It is highly undemocratic.

Bad legislation can take years to undo. The BETSY tax at the Dept. of Energy is a good example of well meaning legislation that costs taxpayers and the state millions of dollars because it was easy to exploit. If no one can understand 1530 as written now, it too will be exploited by people and companies working for their own interest.

Please unite to pass a proclamation in opposition to Cap and Trade knowing it will be particularly hard on rural Oregonians.

Thank you,
Betsy Hege



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

cap & trade

1 message

Mary Ann Paulson [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 6:53 PM

Hi Steve,

Thanks for your work on this. We strongly oppose any and all legislation along these lines.

Jerry and Mary Ann Paulson



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Oppose SB 1530

1 message

Irl Davis [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 3:44 PM

Dear Commissioner Kramer,

As Wasco County voters and tax payers, we urge our County Commissioners to oppose SB1530. This bill will increase utility and fuel costs, harming agricultural businesses and stifling economic growth.

Passage of SB1530 is not in the best interest of Wasco County and we hope that our County Commission will formally oppose this bill.

Thank you

Mike Davis



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Please Oppose HB 4167 and SB 1530

1 message

Brandi Mullaney [REDACTED]
To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 12:58 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to consider those who have their entire livelihoods at stake because of Cap & Trade. Please give them the chance to vote on such a controversial bill! You can help to do this by issuing a proclamation opposing Cap & Trade.

These bills leave too many questions unanswered. The fact that there is no financial impact reports for these bills is negligent at best, and should be regarded as a breach of fiduciary responsibility. Also, under section 31 of SB 1530 revenue relating to this bill is exempt from public record as identified under OR 192.311 to 192.478 and are considered confidential business information. **This is very wrong, we deserve transparency!**

These bills will affect every single Oregonian. Fuel and energy prices will rise which means our cost of living will go up. The annual tax rebate is not a viable solution for those who struggle to make it today! What about seniors and those on a fixed income? Rural Oregon already pays more for gas and groceries as it is!

If SB 1530 or HB 4167 are passed, companies would be free to pollute as long as they pay the state's ransom. This does not decrease GHG's. Neither bill will decrease global greenhouse gas emissions but they will certainly reduce the number of small businesses in Oregon. Especially those businesses who are in the natural resources industries. SB 1530 and HB 4167 makes Oregon trucking, logging, transportation, lumber, farming, and commercial fishing, less competitive.

Oregon has improved its energy efficiency so much that per capita energy use in 2016 was the lowest it's been since 1960, declining 37% since it peaked in 1972. Oregon has the lowest per capita energy use in the entire Northwest. **Cap & Trade is not necessary in Oregon.**

Please help us by opposing Cap & Trade, particularly SB 1530 and SB 4167 by issuing a Proclamation!

Thank you,
Brandi Mullaney



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade

1 message

PAUL MUNSELL [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 7:56 AM

To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Cc: Betsy Hege <bshege@gmail.com>

Commissioner Steve...

- + I am a Wasco County resident
- + This proposed Bill has a potentially devastating effect on Our State's economy, particularly in the Industries of Timber, Wheat & Grain, Fishing & Trucking.
- + Witness the ONE THOUSAND TRUCKS that demonstrated AGAINST it, several weeks ago by ringing our Salem Capital. They did that to protect their livelihoods!
- + Please exercise your influence to protect our State's Economy & the Livelihoods of so many of its Citizens!

Thank you,

PAUL R MUNSELL

[REDACTED]
THE DALLES OR 97058

Pau from , Stormy, Fishie, Fun, Chief Depoe Bay OR

2/26/2020

Wasco County Mail - (no subject)



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

(no subject)

1 message

Linda Pishion [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 6:29 AM

Please oppose SB 1530 and HB 4167 as these will severely impact our county ranchers and farmers and small business. It will eventually affect every person in OR. Thank you, linda



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Ellett's [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 6:09 AM

Dear Commissioner Kramer,

I hear you are considering a stance against cap and trade. I would encourage you to be against the cap and trade bill and issue a proclamation opposing it.

Sincerely,

Fritz and LeAnn Ellett



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

SB 1530 & HB 2147

1 message

Anthony Tarnasky [REDACTED] Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 8:33 AM
To: "scotth@co.wasco.or.us" <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>,
"kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>

Please support the proclamation against SB 1530 and HB 2147. These bills would be devastating to our local industry and unfairly targets the poor. Please take a stand against this bill that will do nothing to improve our climate, but is simply a tax grab from the powers in Salem.

Anthony J. Tarnasky

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Matt Kemper [REDACTED]
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 8:10 AM

Hello Steve,

I am the owner of Oregon Log Home Co. in Maupin. I strongly oppose the current cap and trade legislation being proposed here in Oregon.

Matthew Kemper

Oregon Log Home Co.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Proclamation of Opposition to SB 1530 and HB 4167

1 message

Jeff Kaser

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 8:06 AM

To: ScottH@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to approve a proclamation in opposition to Senate Bill 1530 and House Bill 4167 at your meeting on Thursday night. I am not a current resident of Wasco County but I am the manager of Mid Columbia Producers, Inc., the only company in Wasco County that purchases wheat from the farmers of Wasco County. SB 1530 and HB 4167 are two bills currently working their way through the legislative process. Early estimates are that this legislation will cost the Oregon economy at least \$700 million per year at the very beginning but we really have no clue what the economic impact will be. They are both 'Cap and Trade' bills that will increase the cost to our local farmers of doing business as well as the cost of living for every resident of Wasco County. While the bills' proposed goals are noble, that of reducing global CO2 levels, the bills will not accomplish that goal but leave everyone paying more to live and work in Wasco County.

The proponents of the bill want to allocate the revenue from selling carbon credits into investments in 'clean energy jobs' projects and help transition people who lose their jobs as a result of this legislation into 'clean energy jobs'. The two problems I see with this is 1) Much of the money will have to go to the Oregon Highway Fund since a large part of the revenue will come from highway fuels. The proponents have crafted a bill that in reality, will not even allocate the funds where they promise. 2) What kind of government that is supposed to be for the people would knowingly put those same people out of work?

As for fuel, the lowest number I have seen for the change to the price of gasoline, in 2021, is \$.22 more per gallon if either of these bills pass (Source: Oregon Farm Bureau). That is on top of the \$.045/gallon price increase we have already seen as a result of the Clean Fuels Bill. By 2025, the Clean Fuels Bill (which is already law) will increase the price of fuel by \$.175/gallon and the Cap and Trade Bills' cost will be even higher than in 2021. The problem with estimating the cost of either SB 1530 and HB 4167 is that the legislature has not issued an economic study of this bill. We have complete uncertainty as to the true cost of these bills. Either way, as a low estimate, by 2025 Oregon will be taking \$.795 per gallon of gasoline sold in Oregon (\$.40 state excise tax, \$.175 from the Clean Fuel Bill, and at least \$.22 from the proposed legislation).

The argument I have heard the most is that our climate fate will be sealed in 10 years and that we cannot sit by and do nothing. I understand the concern but I have to ask, 'Can Oregon do anything to help solve this problem?'. I always come up with the answer of 'no'. Here is the math. Assumptions: The world's climate fate is sealed in 10 years (87,600 hours). Oregon contribute 0.16% of global CO2 output; as a result of these bills Oregon reduces our CO2 output in half on day one and keeps our output that low over the next 10 years (much more aggressive reduction in CO2 than proposed). By doing all of that we see that 87,600 hours times 1/2 times 0.16% is 70.08 hours. These bills, at best will add 70.08 hours to our climate fate. Less than 3 days over a 3,650 day period. It might feel good to say that we did something, but we would actually be doing nothing to solve the problem.

In conclusion, these bills are flawed. The money will not go where proposed, the cost is very high, and the bills will not solve the problem they propose to solve. I urge you to adopt a proclamation of opposition to SB 1530 and HB 4167.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kaser
General Manager
Mid Columbia Producers, Inc.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Les mVaughn Re; cap and trade

1 message

Les Vaughn [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 10:15 AM

Just know I do oppose this bill and please add my name to the list..

Hope you are doing well.. be good to see you again one of these days.. Send me your Phone number please.

. I'd like to talk with you. I'm still playing music too.. :) Some music attached but don't know if it's appropriate to send here to this address..

Do you have another email?

[REDACTED]
God Bless!!

ENJOY!!

~Les~

3 attachments

Jamaica Farewell At Sunshine Mill 2011.mp3
5397K

Give My Love To Rose LBV.mp3
6326K

Ghost Riders FB.mp3
6922K



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

(no subject)

1 message

Zachary Harvey [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 10:04 AM

Hello Steve, Zack Harvey here. Just wanted to drop you a quick note and voice my opposition to the cap and trade legislation that is being floated around our state legislature. I think it would be detrimental to not only myself, but most if not all of your constituents. I think it is knee-jerk legislation and I strongly oppose the way that the legislature is going about getting it passed. Let me know if you have any questions, thank you for all that you do. -Zack Harvey



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

re: cap & trade bill

1 message

[REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 9:59 AM

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

We are against the Oregon Cap and trade bill for the following reasons.

This bill would place a hardship for those of us living in the rural areas and the cost of traveling so many miles. Restrictions resulting from this bill if mandated by the state should result in the state paying for the restrictions instead of the individual tax payer. If all counties would establish windmills and solar panels the state would not need to mandate restrictions they are trying to put in place now.

Bob and Marge Gustafson
Tygh Valley, OR



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and tax bill

1 message

Mike Urness [REDACTED]
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 9:27 AM

I do not support the cap and trade bill
Mike Urness



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No on Cap and Trade bills

1 message

Matt Lexow [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 12:23 PM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, Kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Honorable Wasco County Commissioners,

I implore you vote no on any Cap and Trade bills, and insist the issue be given to the will of voters.

Sincerely,

Matt Lexow, U.S. Army retired
The Dalles OR
[REDACTED]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

shirley weast [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 12:05 PM

To: Stevek@co.wasco.or.us, scotth@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Commissioners, It is my understanding that our commission will be taking action to express to our state government our stand on the proposed "Cap and Trade" bill. I would respectfully request that we as a county urge our state legislators to not pass the proposed bill as it will have little if any effect on what some people view as global warming and the unintended consequences to our rural economy could be devastating!

Respectfully,

Shirley J Weast

[REDACTED]
The Dalles, OR



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Stop Cap and Trade

1 message

Shawn Sorensen [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 11:41 AM

I am emailing you in hopes that you will vote for Wasco County to join other Oregon Counties in opposing the Oregon Cap and Trade bill. If passed, this bill will devastate rural Oregonians and do little to aid in combating climate change.

I would also like for you to forward this email to your counterparts as I am unable to locate their email.

Thank you,
Shawn Sorensen



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Objection to Cap & Trade

1 message

Nikki Lesich [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 11:17 AM

Sent from my iPhone

Please give serious consideration to objecting to the Cap & Trade This will seriously affect families across our state.

- >
- > Nikki Lesich
- > [REDACTED]
- > The Dalles, OR
- >
- > Sent from my iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

Dorothy Davis <jdcdavis28@gmail.com>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 1:40 PM

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

I am opposed to the Cap and Trade Bill and would like Wasco Counties vote against it.

Dorothy Davis

[REDACTED]
The Dalles, OR

Sent from my iPad



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bills

1 message

Lori Stiles [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 1:02 PM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, Kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Honorable Wasco County Commissioners,

I am asking you to vote NO on any Cap and Trade bills. This issue will have such a major impact on the future of Oregon, it should be decided by the voters. Please register your position on this legislation. Join the other Oregon County's who have declared their opposition to SB-1530.

Sincerely,

Lori Stiles
Resident and Voter in Wasco County



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

4 messages

Elizabeth Turner [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 12:54 PM

I find it shocking that Wasco County has not signed on with 82 percent of the state against cap and trade. You were elected to represent more south county interests. They would be desimated by this. Thats very clear. Theres really no enviromental benefit. Ive been hearing about carbon trading for ten years or longer. Its a hoax type of thing. The real holders of carbon are timber holders and ranches with permanent cover like pasture. They get nothing in this. You should be terrifyed to see China own interests here in our resources. Nithing could be more scary. Please pass a agreement to come into line with 82 percent of the state.
Liz Turner

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
To: Elizabeth Turner [REDACTED]

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 7:33 AM

Good morning Liz,

I tried to move this last week but my colleagues would not second my motion. I've called for a special session Thursday the 27th 3:00 pm. Thank you for your letter and support
Steve

Sent from my iPad

> On Feb 22, 2020, at 12:54, Elizabeth Turner <marklizturner3@gmail.com> wrote:

>
>

[Quoted text hidden]

Elizabeth Turner [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Sun, Feb 23, 2020 at 2:59 PM

Yes..and thank you.
[Quoted text hidden]

Elizabeth Turner [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 12:51 PM

I know we are in midst of csp and trade. But if you have a minute can you tell me where you all stand on this wildlife overlay.
Thank you
[Quoted text hidden]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Re: Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

D [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us, scotth@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 12:35 PM

Wasco County Commissioners,

It is my understanding that our commission will be taking action to let our state government know our stand on the proposed "Cap and Trade" bill. I would respectfully request that we as a county urge our state legislators to not pass the proposed bill as it will have little if any effect on global warming and the consequences to our rural economy are likely to be devastating!

Thank you,

Dan Portwood

[REDACTED]
The Dalles, OR 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Josh [REDACTED]
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 4:01 PM

Hi Steve,

My family and I strongly oppose the cap and trade bill. This will hurt rural oregonians big time. We believe this will have a snowball effect and be the beginning of more nonsense to come. Please oppose and vote against the cap and trade joke that the higher ups are trying to push on us.

Thank you
Josh Pray

Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

wjward@gorge.net [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 1:48 PM



We are sending this e-mail in order to voice our opposition
To the cap and trade bill.

William & Janet Ward



Mosier Or., 97040

2001 www.hushport.com



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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

Joyce Powell-Morin [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 3:05 PM

To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Cc: [REDACTED]

County Commissioners Steve Kramer, Kathy Schwartz, and Scott Hege I want to register my opposition to the Cap and Trade Bill. Thank you for serving our county.

Joyce Powell Morin
273 Lone Pine Lane
The Dalles, Oregon



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

john grant [REDACTED] Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 2:42 PM
To: "scotth@co.wasco.or.us" <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>, "kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>

County commissioners,

Many of our fellow residents in Wasco County have supported our senators and state representative in trying to stop this bill from passing. I urge you to help support our county and oppose this bill. This bill will hurt our rural communities the most.

Thank you for your time,

John Grant

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Opposition on cap and trade

1 message

Justin Thomas [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 4:28 PM

I want the Cap and Trade bill to be voted against.

Justin Thomas

Sent from my iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade resolution

1 message

Lanny Metteer [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 8:25 PM

Commissioner Kramer,

We respectfully request that you and your fellow county commissioners unanimously draft and communicate a resolution to the State of Oregon that we, as a unified county are opposed to the governess' proposed Cap and Trade bill, or any other tax or restriction of our rights of that nature.

Most sincerely,

Lanny Metteer
Sent from Windows Mail



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade NOT!

1 message

Marilyn Gladwell [REDACTED]

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 8:21 PM

To: "scotth@co.wasco.or.us" <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>, "kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>

Dear Wasco Co. Commissioners,

Please add my vote Against the supposedly revamped Cap & Trade Bill. This bill is poorly conceived, complicated to apply, with many adverse effects that will significantly impact rural economies. It amounts to another tax that supposedly produces funds to "help" impacted communities. There are no guarantees of any supposed benefits or proposed outcomes.

This bill will increase costs of businesses and consumers, while not really reducing carbon emissions. Another tax, period. Oregon voters deserve a ballot measure to decide whether this bill will produce the desired results and is written in a comprehensible manner.

Thank for your representation,
Marilyn Gladwell, Wasco Co. PCP



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Oppose Cap & Trade

1 message

Chris Carey [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 7:39 PM

Looking for Wasco County to oppose the Governors Cap & Trade Bill.

Sent from my iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Marilyn Nielsen [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 7:04 PM

Dear Commissioner Kramer.

I am opposed to the Cap and Trade bill passing. I think we need to see some financial impacts concerning the proposed bill, that I understand have not been provided. The testimonies I have heard seem to be devastating to many of our friends in Wasco County. I support the Republicans with the walk out.

Please send my support on to Salem.

Marilyn Nielsen
The Dalles, Or.
Registered Voter



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Object to the Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

Joe Burgett [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 6:09 PM

I am TOTALLY AGAINST the pending Cap and Trade Bill and it's effect on many Oregonians if passed.



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

no cap and trade

1 message

Jill Grow [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 12:13 AM

Dear Commissioner

It is my belief cap and trade is a scam, does nothing to reduce pollution and, and only serves to line the pockets of those who promote it. Please vote NO.

Jill Grow

[REDACTED]
The Dalles



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

CAP&TRADE

1 message

paul Janson [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 11:31 PM

I am opposed to Gov. Brown's cap & trade bill. It should be a public vote as was previously voted down.

Paul Janson
900 E. 8th
The Dalles, Or. 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

opposition to cap and trade.

1 message

Pam C [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 8:08 AM

To whom it may concern,
We oppose this onerous, politically motivated cap and trade bill. It will do nothing to affect the climate, but will have a disastrous impact on our state and our county.
Pam and Carleton Clausen



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

OPPOSE Cap & Trade!!

1 message

Danielle Parker [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 7:30 AM

This is a gas TAX disguised as an environmental bill. We the People have a right to vote on any raise in taxes.

As stated recently in an article written by Alan Olsen R-Canby:

...Democratic Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, recently said in a meeting with reporters that the "new" cap-and-trade bill was too complicated for voters to understand, and therefore the people shouldn't be allowed to decide this issue at the ballot. I can't think of a more condescending argument to keep this destructive policy from voters.

.... The truth isn't that it's too complicated for voters to understand. Voters have taken up many complicated issues over the last few decades. The truth is that the Democrats know cap and trade will fail at the ballot because voters absolutely can understand what the bill does to them – not for them.

... It's not about politics – it is about the real outcomes of this policy and what it means for every Oregonian, despite any rural or urban divide. The bill's reduction goals are so far reaching and unattainable, we could ban every car and truck on the road right now and still not meet the goals for carbon reduction in the bill. The problems with cap and trade aren't just limited to the Democrats' hostility to giving voters a say at the ballot box or its economically devastating impact; section 34 of the bill they wrote keeps records from Oregonians and journalists. Voters will never know the extent of the corruption. (We all know how corrupt our state government is!)

... Given that we had a governor resign over influence peddling accusations on environmental issues, or that we are coming off the recent corruption and fraud of the last special environmental project with the Business Energy Tax Credit program, or that our public records advocate recently resigned because of pressure from the governor's office, the last thing this bill should do is exempt itself from public records disclosure.

I stand with Rep Olsen and implore you to as speaking for Wasco County to say THIS MUST GO TO THE VOTERS FOR APPROVAL.

Thank you,

Danielle Parker
[REDACTED]
The Dalles Oregon
Wasco County
[REDACTED]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

cap & trade

1 message

Larry Clark [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 7:25 AM

I urge you to stand up for Dufur and the rest of rural Or. by opposing the cap and trade bill before the Oregon legislature. We cannot afford the higher taxes and job loss that it will bring. I would go so far as to ask you to support Wasco County joining the move to split away from Oregon and join Idaho or the move to start the State of Jefferson.

Thanks

Larry Clark

Dufur



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bill

2 messages

tom olson [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 7:16 AM

Good morning Steve,

I'm glad to hear that you are spearheading the effort to get Wasco County on the list of counties that oppose Gov. Brown's fuel tax. Just wanted to get my name on the list of people who oppose this bill. I was wondering if I need to send an email to the other commissioners or if this is all I need.

Thank you,

Tom Olson

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
To: tom olson <tomolson@live.com>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 8:52 AM

Good morning Tom,

Thank you for your support. I will be printing all letters for the record. If you have time, please let my colleagues know how you feel.

Thanks again,
Steve

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 25, 2020, at 07:16, tom olson <tomolson@live.com> wrote:

[Quoted text hidden]



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

SB 1530

1 message

Cheryl Jones [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 5:50 AM

I am very much opposed to SB 1530.
Please sign proclamation to oppose cap and trade SB 1530.
Cheryl Jones



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap trade bill

1 message

Tom Harris [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 10:37 AM

I oppose this bill!!
Tom an Lisa Harris!
Thank You Steve!



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No to CAP and TRADE

1 message

Erin Haines [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 9:50 AM

Cap-and-Trade hurts small businesses and working Oregonians. Cap-and-Trade brings with it increased costs of everyday items like fuel, electricity, food and household goods. The average family would pay an estimated \$700 - \$1,000 more per year in higher costs for these items, including an immediate 22-cent increase in gas prices.

The Dalles continues to ramp up our tourism, this will not help. Our community is supported by people who are going to be directly affected by this bill. It is, no matter how they say it, a tax. A tax that really punishes people for using the only resources currently available. If you stand with climate change and taking action on alternative energy, continue to support CGCC and the programs that are helping people find real solutions.

Sincerely,
Erin



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade bill

1 message

Pam C [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 8:21 AM

To: Scotth@co.wasco.or.us, Kathys@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Commissioners of Wasco County,

As representatives of our county, please sign declaration against this onerous, politically motivated cap and trade bill. It will do absolutely nothing to impact the climate, but will have a devastating impact on the businesses and families of this state.

Pam and Carleton Clausen



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and ????????

1 message

Vicki Ashley [REDACTED]
Reply-To: "vickiashley37@yahoo.com" <vickiashley37@yahoo.com>
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 8:17 AM

We will be unable to attend the hearing on Thursday but want to go on record as being in opposition to the proposed bill. If it passes all agriculture will come to a grinding halt. Not to mention what else "she" hides in the bill. Ashley Wheat & Cattle Ranch. Larry and Vicki.

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade SB 1530

1 message

john@elfpropertymanagement.com [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 2:07 PM

Wasco County Commissioner Steve Kramer,

Global warming, global cooling or now climate change as special interest call it today is a made up "crisis" to further a political agenda and attack our freedoms in the form of more regulations and higher taxes. This is nothing but agenda driven legislation to further the progressive movement of control of our way life and erode the freedoms we enjoy in our state and in our country.

Please join the other 26 Oregon Counties opposed to SB 1530. More government and more government spending will do nothing but line politicians and bureaucrats pockets. It will allow unelected state bureaucrats to raise taxes and costs on businesses and consumers - without a vote of the legislature - at a rate of \$700 million per year.

The attack on true small business, small town and rural lifestyles have been under attack by democrats in our state for years. This bill will do nothing but hurt Oregonians across the state. If passed it will saddle businesses and families with additional taxes and costs, ultimately harming our economy and way of life. Passing this legislation will increased costs of everyday items like fuel, electricity, food and household goods. The average family would pay an estimated \$700 - \$1,000 more per year in higher costs for these items, including an immediate 22-cent increase in gas prices. It will hurt our economy with lost jobs and backroom deal making. Politically-connected corporations would have an unfair advantage to escape the tax, while less politically-connected businesses would face higher taxes and costs. Oregon will lose thousands of living-wage jobs as businesses move to other states with higher carbon emissions.

Democrats have shown no accountable plan for spending the additional revenue and will only saddle Oregonians with wasteful spending. Wasco County and all Oregonians can't afford Cap and-Trade.

Thank You,

John Fredrick
[REDACTED]

The Dalles, Oregon 97058

541-993-5721



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

(no subject)

1 message

Deanna Molina [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 1:26 PM

Please note that I strongly oppose the Cap and Trade bill. Not a good bill for our rural county.
Deanna Molina

Thank You



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade Issue

1 message

Celeste Hill-Thomas [REDACTED]
To: "SteveK@co.wasco.or.us" <SteveK@co.wasco.or.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 10:36 AM

Steve,

I am in agreement our representatives walking out because of SB1530. This is a bad bill and will be harmful to all of Oregonians especially rural Oregon!

I am in agreement with this review by Representative Daniel Bonham: "Problems with Cap & Trade"

1. This plan allows unelected bureaucrats to raise taxes and costs on consumers and businesses without a vote of the legislature.
2. The cost of this legislation lands on Oregonians to the tune of \$600-\$1000 per year per household.
3. The current proposed legislation creates an unfair advantage for politically-connected corporations to avoid the tax.
4. Cap & Trade will raise \$100s of Millions in new revenue for the state without accountability or full disclosure - sections 4 through 31 of the bill are exempt from public records disclosure.
5. This program will allow massive outside influence from California speculators and corporations to come in and drive up costs.

Bottom line- this cap and trade program is all pain and no gain

Thanks Steve,

Celeste

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade

1 message

Jim Wilcox [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 12:06 PM

Please move for Wasco County to join the majority of Oregon Counties in opposing the Cap & Trade bills currently being forced in the egislature.

Thank you.

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James L. Wilcox, CRS, GRI
Principal Broker - Lic.. OR 880800044

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No on Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

ranger721 [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 10:53 AM

Mr Kramer,

As a long time resident of The Dalles OR I strongly oppose the Cap and Trade Bill.

Patrick O'Meara

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 edge, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

JERRY & HELEN WELP [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 6:53 PM

To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

I am opposed to cap and trade
Helen Welp



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Please save us!

1 message

Henry [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 6:51 PM

Please save us from the idiots across the isle, please vote NO for cap & trade.

Debbie Wooderson



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Proposed cap and trade bill.

1 message

Chet Petersen [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 6:28 PM

Sir, as a resident of Wasco county I am very concerned about this proposed legislature. First, The State of Oregon, nor the entire USA is going to solve the real or perceived climate problem without the entire World getting involved, which to this point they have not done. But, this proposed bill will certainly impact and seriously hurt the economy of Oregon and in particular, rural Oregon including Wasco county. I ask that you and the other commissioners go on record as opposing this bill. Please write a county proclamation to that effect. Thank you for listening.

Chet Petersen
PO Box 2629
The Dalles, OR 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

CAP & TRADE

1 message

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 6:37 PM

[REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

February 25, 2020

Mr, Steve Kramer

I am requesting you, as a Wasco Co. commissioner, and other Wasco Co. commissioners, write a proclamation to oppose the CAP & TRADE BILL for the state of Oregon

Respectfully,

Nancy Hunt,
541-980-0638
950 Pomona Meadow #209
The Dalles, Or 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade proclamation

1 message

Casey Pink [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 6:23 PM

Dear Mr. Steve Kramer,

I am a local Wasco County cherry grower and am very concerned about the Cap and Trade bill. I'm writing to encourage you vote in favor of the proclamation against the Cap and Trade bill and join 22 other counties with similar proclamations.

In my opinion, this bill will devastate Oregon's economy. It's a money grab new tax bill that will make it even harder for businesses to survive. We are already operating on small profit margins.

A bill of this magnitude should be put before the Oregon voters.

Thank you for your consideration and I plan to attend Thursday as well.

Sincerely,

Casey Pink

Pink Orchards
[REDACTED]

The Dalles, OR 97058

Sent from Mail for Windows 10



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade

1 message

Allen Refsland [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 5:59 PM

Please,, as a leader and my representative, approve a proclamation from Wasco County opposing the Cap and Trade Bill. It gives the state way too much power over individual businesses and citizens. It also will have a negative effect on any competitive edge we have economically and it will raise taxes, which none of us can afford. There are other reasons, but you get the drift.

Thanks for your interest in what is best for us and Wasco County.

Sincerely,
Allen Refsland

[REDACTED]
The Dalles, OR



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

FW: cap and trade

1 message

Tim Dahle [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 7:26 PM

Dear Commisioner Kramer

This is to register our opposition to the cap and trade bill that is currently being considered in the Oregon Legislature.

Sincerely

Timothy Dahle
President, Dahle Orchards



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

please save oregon from the dems....

1 message

Henry Wooderson [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 6:55 PM

Please save us from the idiots across the isle, please vote NO for cap & trade.
Henry Wooderson

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Carol Arbogast [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 4:20 PM

Steve,

I am against Cap and Trade, please vote no.

Thank you,
Carol Arbogast
The Dalles, Oregon

Sent from my iPad



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade bill

1 message

grandmalolo.perry [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 8:09 PM

Commissioner Kramer,

This is to notify you that I oppose the Cap and Trade bill.

Signed:
Gloria Perry
Resident of Wasco County

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap

1 message

johnhbyers58 [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 7:51 PM

Please vote against cap and trade!
I trust you will!
John Byers

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

capandtrade

1 message

wayne Connors [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 8:32 PM

please stop this bill thank you from Wayne connors Janine connors tiarra jorgensen Lavern Gustafson



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No cap and trade!

1 message

Cole & Stephaniee [REDACTED]

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 9:23 PM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

This bill will negatively impact the residents of our great state as well as many small businesses. Please take a stand with the other 20+ counties and tell Salem that Wasco county says NO!

Thank you



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

Cathryn Polehn [REDACTED]
To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 8:12 AM

Commissioners,

The proposed Cap and Trade Bill will be detrimental to the independent farmer, especially to those who are already struggling to stay afloat in the difficult markets we face today. Increasing operating costs for farmers, loggers, etc will only increase costs for consumers. Lining the governments pockets will do nothing to reduce emissions. Innovation and problem solving will get us much farther than taxing and forcing people out of business.

Cathryn Polehn
Mount Adams Fruit
Underwood Fruit & Warehouse Co.
The Dalles Fruit Company
[REDACTED]





Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade

2 messages

Kylee Ruby [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 7:19 AM

Hey Steve. Are you wanting/ needing folks to email you in regards to this? I got a message last night saying you do. My family & I are against it. If you need more help let me know.

Thanks for all you do!

Kylee V. Ruby

Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>
To: Kylee Ruby <kvruby04@gmail.com>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 12:58 PM

That would be great, thanks! More emails the better.

Thank you

Steve

[Quoted text hidden]

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Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and trade

1 message

Ken Polehn [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 7:09 AM

To: kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Cc: Scott Hege <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

I sincerely hope that this cap and trade bill does not make it into law. Please join me in position to it.
Thank you.
Ken Polehn



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade Bill

1 message

Rachel Brown [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 11:30 AM

Dear Mr. Kramer,

I would like to kindly ask you and your fellow commissioners to join the other Oregon counties that have spoken out against the Cap and Trade bill. I'm sure you are aware of how this bill, if passed, will have a significant negative impact on so many Wasco county businesses and families. Please take a stand against closed door policy and help represent rural Oregonians. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Rachel Brown
The Dalles



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade

1 message

Carolyn Davis [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 10:40 AM

Please do not pass Cap and Trade. It will destroy our states economy with little benefit to our environment. I am all for clean air and clean water but this is not the way.

Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

SB 1530 CAP & TRADE Opposition

1 message

Chelsie Gibson [REDACTED]
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 12:15 PM

Commissioner Kramer,

My husband and I live on a wheat and cattle ranch in Wasco county. The Cap and Trade bills aims to greatly impact our livelihood in a very negative way. The far-reaching implications of this bill cannot be ignored and rural Oregonians are not being heard.

I am hoping that you can support your constituents in supporting a proclamation opposing Cap and Trade for Wasco County. Please join the following counties on this hidden tax that will cause a trickle down effect that will impact everyone in higher costs for food, gas, and utilities and the farmers and ranchers that this nation depends upon:

Eastern Oregon Counties Association
500,000

Klamath Co 66,000

Jefferson Co 23,800

Linn Co 125,000

Douglas Co 109,000

Coos Co 64,000

Josephine Co 84,000

Marion Co 346,000

Polk Co 83,000

Columbia Co 50,000

Lake Co 8,100

Jackson Co 219,564

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1,678,464 MILLION Oregonians opposed to Cap and Trade!

Please listen to the people since Salem is not. We ask for transparency. If we have to pay for it then let us vote on it.

Sincerely,

Chelsie & Charlie Gibson



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Proclamation of opposition to CAP and Trade

1 message

Lacy Underhill [REDACTED]
To: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 11:58 AM

Commissioner Kramer,

I am hoping that you can support your constituents in supporting a proclamation opposing Cap and Trade for Wasco County. Agriculture is in the top 3 industries for our county, please support our farmers and agriculture in general.

Please join the following counties on this hidden tax that will cause a trickle down effect that will impact everyone in higher costs for food, gas, and utilities

Eastern Oregon Counties Association 500,000
 (Klamath Co 66,000)
 (Jefferson Co 23,800)
 Linn Co 125,000
 Douglas Co 109,000
 Coos Co 64,000
 Josephine Co 84,000
 Jefferson Co 23,800
 Marion Co 346,000
 Polk Co 83,000
 Columbia Co 50,000
 Lake Co 8,100
 Jackson Co 219,564
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 1,612,564 Million Oregonians Oppose Cap and Trade!

Please listen to the people since Salem is not. We ask for transparency. If we have to pay for it then let us vote on it.

With regards,

Lacy Underhill
Dufur, OR

Sent from my iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

I object to cap and trade

1 message

Julia Lester [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 11:43 AM

I object to cap and trade



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Trade Legislation

1 message

Mike Courtney [REDACTED] Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 1:01 PM
To: "stevek@co.wasco.or.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>, Scott Hege <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, "kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <kathys@co.wasco.or.us>, "kathyc@co.wasco.or.us" <kathyc@co.wasco.or.us>

Commissioners:

I urge you, as our county's elected leaders, to take a strong position in opposition to any of the currently pending Cap/Trade bills, in the Oregon Legislature.

There are, in my opinion, as many scientific opinions on climate change as there are credible scientists.

Regardless of your opinion on climate issues, this legislation, either the House Bill, or the Senate Bill, has serious flaws that cause it to not be in the public interest.

1. Costs and benefits are unknown, and are not predictable, according to a Revenue Impact of Proposed Legislation, authored by Mazen Malik, Economist, published 02/21/2020, economic modeling still needs to be developed in order to predict economic impact. In other words, the legislative economist cannot predict the effect of this legislation. Costs are unknown, and are not, currently predictable!
2. The legislation contains the "emergency clause" which prevents referral, to the people. In other words, no matter if it turns out to be good or bad, the people have no remedy, once is enacted.
3. The legislation contains a public records exemption. Once passed, we, the people, will not even be able to find out what it costs, or whether it is doing good, or harm.
4. This legislation is ripe for creating another situation similar to the Business Energy Tax Credit, or the Cover Oregon Website fiasco.
5. The "short session" was sold, to the voters as an opportunity to tweak budgets and unforeseen glitches in previously adopted legislation. This is, obviously, not in either of those categories.

It is incumbent upon you, as our elected leaders, to take a position, and represent us, in this legislative controversy.

Mike Courtney



The Dalles OR 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

No to cap and trade. Hate the idea, the control and the additional taxes!

1 message

Bob Boyet [REDACTED]

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 1:11 PM

To: "scotth@co.wasco.or.us" <scotth@co.wasco.or.us>, "stevek@co.us" <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>, "Kathys@co.wasco.or.us" <Kathys@co.wasco.or.us>



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Please SUPPORT SB 1530

1 message

Karen and Steve Murray [REDACTED]
To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 12:49 PM

Dear County Commissioners:

I sincerely hope you will be SUPPORTING Climate Action in the state of Oregon, not opposing it. The "science" is in, climate change is happening and it will not get any cheaper to take action. In fact, it will get more and more expensive to address climate change in our future. Oregon needs to be a leader in Climate Action and anything less is unacceptable. I sincerely believe it would be wrong to oppose SB 1530.

There are provisions in the bill to "provide assistance to households, businesses and workers impacted by climate change and climate change policies." That sounds like a pretty good thing to me. I believe there is misinformation out there on the drastic impacts this bill will have on our economy here in Wasco County. I hope you are doing your research to sincerely get the facts straight. I know change can be hard but we need to make some changes and curb our CO₂

I am a retired science teacher from the area and I hope we are following the science and not just reacting to the negativity. Agriculture will be one of areas hardest hit by climate change. We all need to work together and start making changes in the way we do things, share the load as much as possible and face reality. We need to deal with climate change now and not just keep putting it off. We need to follow the scientific facts.

Your constituent,

Karen Gartland Murray

[REDACTED]

The Dalles, Oregon 97058



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Climate change/Global warming

1 message

Marlis Rufener [REDACTED]

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 10:28 AM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

I am extremely concerned that we as a society, as well as the whole world, act immediately to do all we can to reverse climate change. We humans, with our entitled lifestyles, continue to do great damage to our world. We have seen the results of our actions for the last 30 years at least and have failed to change our actions. It is time now for us to take drastic action. Cap and trade certainly is not drastic but it will help a bit.

I am a cherry orchardist now and have been farming almost all my life. I consider myself a temporary steward of the land. I care about the future of our earth and care for the lives of all living beings. I hope that my children and descendants can live healthy lives on this planet.

Time to act! Now!! [A proclamation FOR the Cap and Trade Bill](#)

Marlis Rufener

The Dalles



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap & Invest

1 message

Debra Lutje [REDACTED]
To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us
Cc: Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Thu, Feb 27, 2020 at 11:12 AM

Mr. Hege, Mr. Kramer & Ms Schwartz;

The time for pussyfooting around about the Climate Crisis is over. I support the current legislation of Cap & Invest. This legislation has been 15 years in the making. It is not a fly by night deal. The GOP has had years to contribute to the mitigation of Climate Change and has not done so. Instead, choosing to drag their feet, they have obstructed progress at every turn.

I DO NOT think it is appropriate for the County Commission to pass any resolution concerning this legislation, either for or against. Wasco County should remain neutral. The County Commission has no business taking sides on this issue in favor of the few Oregonians who oppose it.

Debra Lutje
1214 E 12th Street
The Dalles



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Wrong approach

1 message

Sandy [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 2:33 PM

We need every tool we can get to mitigate the effects of climate change. We do not need a resolution against SB 1530, we need overwhelming support, including getting our paid representatives back on the job!

Sandra Haechrel, The Dalles.

"Travel widely. Experiment boldly. Love deeply." Homer Winslow



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Do not oppose cap and trade legislation

1 message

Jon Chavers [REDACTED] >

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 2:36 PM

To: scotth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, Kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Good afternoon Honorable Commissioners,

My name is Jon Chavers. I am a resident of Wasco County and wish to voice my desire that the Commission either support, or take no stand against, cap and trade legislation (SB1530) currently under consideration by the state legislature.



Jon Chavers
Active Transportation Advocate

[REDACTED]
The Dalles, OR 97058

[REDACTED]
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/jondchavers>



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Vote YES on cap and trade!

1 message

andy kreipe [REDACTED]
To: SteveK@co.wasco.or.us

Sat, Feb 22, 2020 at 11:25 PM

As a small business owner that depends on the weather and environment not being as volatile as it has become I encourage you to vote yes on cap and trade. I would like it if the next generation can enjoy the outdoors without melting glaciers, out of control wildfires and record heat ect. Please make the right choice for our kids not for keeping large companies bottom line happy.

Andrew Kreipe

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

OR climate bill

1 message

dean@deanmyerson.org [REDACTED]
To: scoth@co.wasco.or.us, stevek@co.wasco.or.us, kathys@co.wasco.or.us

Mon, Feb 24, 2020 at 9:10 PM

I am a resident of The Dalles and am writing to ask that you support the climate bill in the state legislature. With the recent fires we had in Wasco County, with droughts in recent years, and of course the recent floods just to our east, it is clear that the costs of climate change are far steeper than preventing climate change. Please do try to do any fine tuning as needed, but we need this bill and it just can't wait. We should have had it years ago.

The walkout is highly irresponsible. Our representatives should stay and do their job.

Dean Myerson
The Dalles



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

Cap and Trade bill

1 message

Gary Wade [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Tue, Feb 25, 2020 at 5:51 PM

I am a cherry and pear farmer in Wasco County and I am fully supportive of the Cap and Trade bill in the Oregon Legislature. Global warming is real and we can't wait any longer to start to address this threat to our children and their children.

Thanks,

Gary Wade

Wade & Rufener Orchards Co

[REDACTED] the Dalles



Steve Kramer <stevek@co.wasco.or.us>

the climate resolution before the Wasco County commission

1 message

SERENA SMITH [REDACTED]
To: stevek@co.wasco.or.us

Wed, Feb 26, 2020 at 12:37 PM

I just want to express my disapproval of the climate action resolution that I see will be presented at the next Wasco County meeting.

In my opinion, we need to make choices about how we will operate as a society in the future, knowing that emitting fossil fuel pollution is not only harmful but unnecessary. I am willing to pay a small amount more per gallon if it means developing the infrastructure to not have to buy and burn fossil fuels in the future with my car. We know that cap and trade programs have not decimated the economies in other states that use that type of system. And, we know that technology is moving past fossil fuels, in the same way that it moved past the horse and buggy.

I support the efforts at the state level to engage Oregon in the complicated and difficult decisions that need to be made in order for us to survive the future of life on Earth. Please do what you can to educate yourself and this community that we have to look beyond the combustion engine and our short term selfish interests.

Please reject this resolution.
Serena Smith
citizen of The Dalles