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Cap and trade will kill Oregonians' livelihoods
Republican Whip calls HB 2020 corrupt

SALEM, Ore.—Wednesday the Timber Unity rally brought hundreds of Oregonians to the Capitol to protest the Democrat supermajority's effort to pass a so-called "cap and trade" measure, House Bill 2020. Senate Republican Whip Dennis Linthicum, R-Klamath Falls, said only the most corrupt could support this bill. Linthicum said the bill will become nothing more than a slush fund for special interests. He also pointed out that supporters of the bill were given carve-outs from it, begging the question: "If it's so good, why aren't they willing to be subjected to it?"

HB 2020 will destroy rural Oregonians' communities, bankrupt Oregon families and businesses, blow a hole in school budgets due to the loss of revenue, increase the cost of food, gasoline and more. The trickle down damages will also hurt realtors, insurance brokers, coffee shops, virtually everyone in Oregon will feel the pain—except for businesses given carve-outs and subsidies. The bill also allows for the governor to bind the state into contracts with other states and foreign governments.

Linthicum released the following statement:

"We are seeing a game played by politically-well connected and out-of-control politicians. While Multnomah County's worst polluters are given a pass, Oregonians will pay the price. The governor could also make deals with foreign governments and no future legislators or governors could change the binding contracts allowed under the bill. This heartless agenda is dangerous and is a moral outrage. I will not allow politicians and corporations to prosper while destroying the livelihoods of Oregonians across the state and my district's rural constituents."

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