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## **Governor Kotek’s Climate Policies Are Driving Up Costs for Oregonians**

**SALEM, Ore.** – In light of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent [actions](#) aimed at reducing regulatory burdens and lowering living costs for Americans, the Oregon Senate Republican Caucus responded to Governor Tina Kotek’s [criticism](#) of these measures.

“Oregonians are paying the price—literally—for Governor Kotek’s so-called ‘innovative solutions’ to climate change. Her administration’s Climate Protection Program, coupled with her party’s extreme environmental policies, has driven up gas prices, made housing less affordable, increased energy costs, and made it more expensive for families and businesses to operate in Oregon,” said **Senator David Brock Smith (R-Port Orford)**, vice-chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment.

“While Governor Kotek is focused on political posturing, working Oregonians are struggling to afford the cost of living. The Governor’s refusal to acknowledge the economic impact of her climate agenda shows just how out of touch she is with the challenges everyday Oregonians face,” added **Senate Republican Leader Daniel Bonham (R-The Dalles)**.

Senate Republicans will continue to fight for common-sense policies that protect both our environment and our economy *without* burdening Oregon families with higher costs.

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