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A message from Daniel Bonham,
your State Representative.

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Homogeneous groups are great at doing what they do well, but they become progressively less able to investigate alternatives. Or, as March has famously argued, they spend too much time exploiting and not enough time exploring.”

— James Surowiecki, **The Wisdom of Crowds**

Neighbors –

With an uncontrollable appetite for revenue and an inability to control spending the Oregon Legislature is determined to make this state unaffordable to our working families. In a vicious cycle of driving up the cost of living and then feeling compelled to subsidize the basic needs of our citizens – we are stuck in a very expensive cycle. This could not be more evident than it is

within the Cap and Trade program proposed under HB2020. This bill embodies the unaffordable problem-solving technique that is on full display in our policy making process. In one fell swoop, this legislature is going to wreak havoc on our ability to attract and retain manufacturers and the good paying jobs that come with them. Once we are on this track, there is no off-ramp incorporated into this legislation. The costs for allowances will continue to ratchet up as the cap lowers. As Oregon's manufacturers consider their future under this program, and the costs to do business in the state of Oregon – there is no doubt in my mind that industry will leave this state.

If industry leaves- where will it go?

Is the demand for the products they produce going to disappear?

Will there be no need for cement-- for paper?

If Oregonians still need these products, if the world still needs these goods – I would submit to you that they will continue to be produced... most likely in a jurisdiction with less regulatory environment than we have here in Oregon. Less regulation will lead to an increase in total global emissions- the very thing this bill is trying to eliminate. The consumers that will need these goods will have to pay a hidden surcharge – the cost of getting these products back to this state... and with built-in known increases to the price of fuel- the cost burden tied to the transportation of goods will be compounded. The transportation of these goods- will lead to an increase in total global emissions. The price of all products will go up in

emissions. The price of all products will go up in Oregon, making hard-earned dollars provide even less for our families. To be clear, this is known... we know this will happen. That's why we built into the bill cost of living mitigation measures for the most economically challenged amongst us. We will provide tax incentives for the known increased cost of fuel and utilities. However, there will be no assistance to offset the increased costs that this program will have on all other daily essentials. No tax is absorbed by business- it all gets passed on to the end user... even the cost of delivering government services is going to go up... ever growing the state's need to increase revenue.

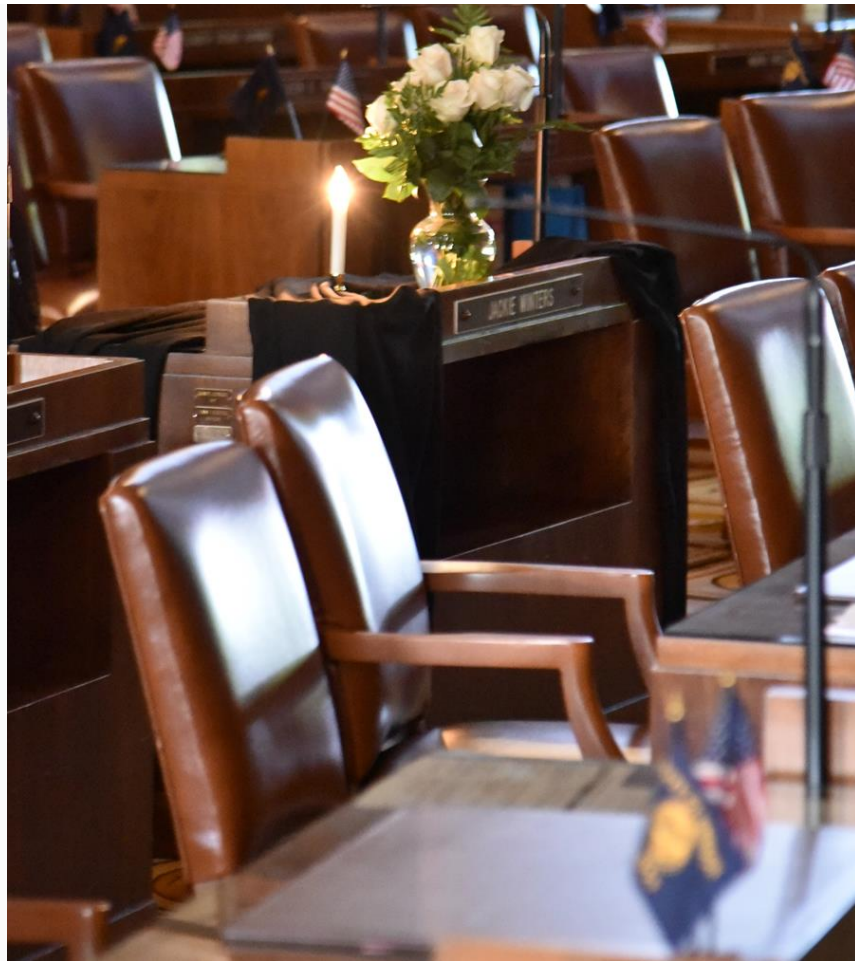
Another terrible effect of business leaving Oregon is the diminishing taxable resources to the state- -- with less entities to tax, the burden will fall to those that remain- again, increasing the cost of living in Oregon. House Bill 2020 is a bad bill... you have heard that this bill is all pain and no gain- you have heard that the results of all this economic pain will be an imperceptible change to global emissions- I want to be clear that comment was made by Dr. Mote -Director of Oregon Climate Services at OSU and it was in response to a question by DBS "what would be the impact to global emissions if Oregon went to Carbon zero?" Not only does this program not take us to carbon zero, but with leakage and increased emissions tied to growing transportation demands- I would submit to you that this legislation has the potential to increase global emissions... all the while making life more expensive for everyone in this state.





Yesterday, we had the opportunity to celebrate and mourn an icon. Jackie Winters was an answer to prayer. When first appointed to the legislature - I prayed that God would bring people into my life to offer guidance and wisdom. During my first session - about a week in, we had a prayer breakfast and I met Senator Winters. Jackie shared her testimony that morning - and if you have ever heard it, you know it is a powerful and compelling story. I'm sure our shared faith played a part, but mostly it was Jackie's kindness and thoughtfulness that drove our brief relationship. Whether it was in the building or around Salem, anytime I saw Senator Winters I would say hello and she would treat me like an old friend. It meant the world to me. Based on the loving memories shared at her memorial service today, I know I am not alone in having benefited from knowing her.





After the Speaker announced that Sine Die (adjournment) was imminent, a process that was built for speed is shifted up another gear. Rest this weekend ... because a sprint is starting up!

Sincerely,

Daniel Bonham
State Representative



In an effort to find new and creative ways to keep our neighbors informed and engaged in the legislative process, we've started a podcast series.

It's our hope that Mainstreet Politics will offers a window into the politics, procedures and personalities that dominate the Capitol in Salem. Let me know if you have a guest suggestion or topic that you're curious about.

[Living Legend State Senator Betsy Johnson \(D-Scappose\)](#)

[Former State Representative and Republican Nominee for Governor Knute Buehler \(R-Bend\)](#)

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Chief Clerk of the Oregon House Tim Coker

State Representative and Former Minority Leader
Mike McLane (R-Prineville)





The response to our legislative survey was fantastic! Click the link below and share your thoughts on a few new controversial bills that 2019 Legislative Session.

Tobacco Tax (HB 2270) - Increases tax on distribution of cigarettes. Expands definition of “tobacco products” to include vaping for purpose of imposing existing tobacco tax.

Voluntary Home Visits (SB 526) - Directs Oregon Health Authority to design, implement and maintain voluntary statewide program to provide

nurse home visiting services to families with infants up to six months of age.

Cellphone Tax for Rural Broadband (HB 2173 and HB 2184) - Creates a rural broadband \$5 million fund to make internet infrastructure improves in rural Oregon. The fund is paid for with an 6 percent tax on cellphones and VOIPs.

Fire Protection Property Tax (HB 5019)

- Assess forest landowners an additional \$8.4 million a year on Oregon's forest landowners to pay for the fire and management-failures of the federal government.

[Click Here and Share Your Opinion on Upcoming Legislation](#)



School House Rock "I am just a Bill" never covered the unsavory politics of the legislative process. Rather than be discouraged by a process that has 8 of my remaining bills held hostage in

that has 6 of my remaining bills held hostage in Ways and Means, we continue to hope that good policy will win the day ... and focus on the positive outcomes.



For those that have been tracking my legislative priorities, our quest to address the ever-growing problem of child abusers and child predators being transferred from one school to another isn't new to you. The journey has been long ... but the progress we've made has been incredible. As of this morning, I am happy to report that the finalized version of SB 155 has passed out of Full Ways and Means Committee unanimously and is headed to the floor. When given the opportunity to bring all of the stakeholders together, to find a common purpose, and a moral imperative to act. ... all of Oregon wins!



Senator Jeff Merkley - Wasco County Town Hall

When: Saturday, June 15, 2019, Noon

Where:

Fort Dalles Readiness Center, drill floor
402 E. Scenic Drive
The Dalles, OR, 97058

With the end of legislative session imminent, expect us to roll out our summer downhill schedule in the next newsletter.



The Pendleton Round-Up team made their way

around the Capitol and performed the flag salute.



Bonham's Birthday Bash Or Sugar Crash?

My wife sent me a candy bouquet. It truly is the little things that bring me the most happiness.

Recently reelected Chairman Raymond Tsumpti Sr of the Warm Springs at the Legislative Commission on Indian Services meeting.





Individual Development Accounts (IDA) awarded me as an Oregon IDA Champion.

Portland Thorns visited the Capitol to show their support for HCR 27. Being the fan that I am, I had to take a quick selfie with these tremendous athletes. Honored to have been a part of the resolution that commends the team for their hard work and dedication.



Governor Kate Brown hosted a Ceremonial Bill Signing for the passage of HB 2317, designating May of each year ALS Awareness month.

Tribal Days in the Capitol. It's always great seeing the tribal members advocated for their needs while gifting the building with traditional music, food, and more.



I had the opportunity to attend the Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis luncheon, hosted by the ALS Association of Oregon and Washington. Representatives Jack Zika, Kim Wallan, Lynn Findley, Cheri Helt, Denyc Boles, and Shelly Boshart Davis joined me at my table to support this incredible cause.

The Oregon Federation of Republican Women,
day in the Capitol.



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