



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Governor Kate Brown
900 Court St. NE, Suite 254
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October 16, 2019

Dear Governor Brown,

According to [reports](#), you were seen exiting a private jet at the Sunriver Airport on or around October 14, 2019. Sunriver is located in House District 53, which I am proud to represent.

The report is deeply concerning. Private jets produce, per passenger, a very large amount of carbon dioxide, which as you know is a greenhouse gas. Some private jets burn approximately 210 gallons of fuel per hour of use. In any event, a trip from Salem to Sunriver via private jet would burn considerably more fuel than a trip via almost any other means, including passenger cars, let alone electric vehicles, which the state has invested significant sums to support.

This would be particularly troubling due to your support for a cap and trade scheme that would have dramatically increased fuel and home heating costs for Oregonians. After the legislature failed to pass the cap and trade bill, you threatened to enact portions of it via executive action. You have indicated that cap and trade is one of your top priorities for the upcoming 2020 legislative session. Given the urgency you have publicly attached to the issue of carbon emissions, and the degree to which you are willing to push the cost of carbon reduction onto working families, the elderly and others struggling with Oregon's high cost of living, the decision to fly on a private jet to Sunriver would be hypocritical.

Many of my constituents are familiar with driving over the Cascades to Salem and elsewhere in the Willamette Valley. I know I am. The cap and trade bill you continue to push would make the trip via car significantly more expensive for us in the future, even though we create far less carbon emissions on our trips than you did, per the reports, on yours.

To that end, I have the following questions.

1. Did you fly via private jet to Sunriver on or around October 14, 2019?
2. If so, from where did you fly?
3. Has your office analyzed the carbon emissions of private jet travel to Sunriver versus other forms of transportation, such as automobile, hybrid automobile, electric automobile or commercial air travel?
4. If so, please provide the content of that analysis.

Thank you for your urgent attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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