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I received an Action Alert from Rep. Shelly Boshart Davis concerning LC19 (Cap and Invest).

I believe climate change is real. I believe that climate change is human caused. I believe the principle cause of these changes is the burning of fossil fuels. I believe that a prudent person would act on their beliefs. Therefore, I support any actions that will curb greenhouse gas production, including Cap and Trade.

I have read Rep. Davis's call for action. It is classic fear mongering, including a cartoon to drive home the fear. However, the a thoughtful review of her "evidence" shows no case at all. Rep. Davis's personal business may experience increases in fuel cost, but so would the rest of us. I can not help but assume her business would suffer not because of increased fuel costs but because her business is inefficient and can not survive in a competitive environment. Rep. Davis has no problem discounting most of the people she represents in order to support a minority view and the best interests of corporations.

I am not convinced that rural populations in Oregon will bear any undue burden from Cap and Trade legislation. I have lived in some of the most rural places in the Pacific Northwest, including Okanogan County Washington, Idaho County Idaho, and Wallowa and Coos Counties Oregon. I know the people in these counties, I don't believe their sad stories. I would love to play 20 questions with them under oath and in front of your committees. So whatever sad stories come to your committees prompted by Rep. Davis plea for action, be skeptical. The sad story group, are either 1) paid shills, 2) motivated by corporate fear mongering, 3) unable to determine what is in their own best interest.

For the record, to make it easier for Rep. Davis and her supporters to discount my values, here is part of my story - BS Environmental Science, over 30 years as a federal employee, solar panels on my shop, and I drive an electric car.

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