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I was riveted to the 1/13 hearing in Salem from overflow area front row. I had an agenda and no means to express it; that large carbon taxes should fund all basic costs of living including Medicare for All, education, child care healthy food, housing as a human right - - all that constitutes "benefits" for the lucky-to-have-jobs, now for all of us. I might have employees as a weatherization contractor if I would not be responsible for "benefits" I could not afford even for myself. I am blessed with becoming ancient, now 75 and still working, making it and even getting ahead, because I have Social Security income and Medicare. I even have as of this month real health insurance in a MediGap Supplement (G) so I won't be bankrupted if hospitalized, with the 20% deductible self-pay obligation, paying \$157 per month to avoid costs easily \$10,000 in a year. I'm OK. And, I speak up for the majority of us, who are not OK, but on-edge of despised homelessness.

We must raise a floor against poverty first, rather than just take back hoarded trillions from the worst of the privileged and greedy. In Salem I carried one copy of this:

[Good Things: Oregon Carbon Taxes and an Oregon State Bank](#)

It is a tired offering little-edited since Summer 2019. I want to learn more, and contribute better, if I am welcomed into the conversation.

Please respect my point and my need to speak up, by giving attention at least, to one illustrative example supporting my view. I am dismayed to learn that in our burgeoning delivery-for-free shenanigans, the CEO of Door Dash, joins in exemplary Silicon Valley deliveries, in his old gas-powered Honda Civic. All delivery drivers should instead be *provided EVs*. Who really pays the costs for the benefits given to the privileged including poor me, of the ruinous work of Amazon, DoorDash and many other misconceived warts of our mad behavior? The costs are sponged up from all of us, leaving most in poverty, unproductive. We the people must instead be made whole through *commons consumption taxes*, such as 30% of all Amazon revenue. Amazon is a big polluter. The creep foreign investors who hack down big trees down into Oregon streams, and monoculture till-the-soil corporate farmers, are the biggest polluters and should pay taxes, say 50%, to drive them out of commons ownership.

One of the two Republican Senators an the stage 1/13 made clear that climate legislation passed would be with promise nothing more could be asked in "carbon taxes" beyond those in a (weak) bill passed. A deficient bill with that poison pill could be overcome only by take-over federal decisions that might be part of the Green New Deal. Oregon must not be hobbled if federal action fails.

Let us ask more, not less. A bigger ask in "carbon" taxing can clearly distribute revenue equally to everyone, lifting that floor against poverty.

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