

Dear Senator Bentz et al,

Please, please reconsider this cap and trade issue. Oregon has so many policies that extend services and monies to lower income families and illegal citizens that this will greatly inhibit regular tax paying middle class citizens to keep paying for all of these extended services. Really I can't even fathom a reason that this has been presented as a reasonable agenda that makes any kind of sense.

Any of these ideas that will encompass the cost of changing energy plans and pushing toward a leftist agenda are poorly thought out and not thoroughly studied. Do you know for example that the wind towers that people feel so important actual end up costing the state more???? Yes when they are operating properly and not destroying wildlife they generate some energy. But the important takeaway here is that they do not operate all the time. In fact they shut down quite often and when they do, the turbines in the generation plants have to come on-line to make up for the reduction in wind power. You might like to take a field trip to these dams and see these turbines. These are enormous machines that shake and rattle with each start. Where before they stayed on and quietly did their job, they now have to start up and shut down, start up and shut down sometimes many times a day. Do you know the cost of these turbines and repair on these turbines. All this to say we have wind power?????

So many of these "environmental" issues are truly packaged very prettily in a box containing nothing. Do you know that in Sweden which is a socialist country they get 40% of their energy from nuclear energy. This is PROVEN to be a safe and effective and much cheaper form of energy. Why oh why then do the leftist, socialists and environmentalists veer completely away from this form of energy when it is also a fossil fuel??? Does any of this make sense? All of these issues including cap and trade are nothing more than smoke and mirrors designed to divert the uneducated mind into opening that prettily wrapped box I spoke of earlier. And these boxes never contain anything more than a way to grab hard earned dollars from people who are already stretched thin. Please do not take Oregon down this rabbit hole.

Thank you,
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