

I have been employed at Ash Grove's Durkee, Oregon plant for about 18 years. This job has provided me and my family a very comfortable and secure life and I have never worked for a company that treated their employees in a more humanistic manner. I read a Wall Street Journal article a few years ago regarding the Climate Change Summit in Europe. I believe Mr. Obama attended and "cap and trade" was a big part of the agenda. The Wall Street Journal stated that the world wide financial institutions were "salivating" (i.e. Pavlov's dogs), at the prospect of the cap and trade going into effect in Europe. That is because the financial institutions will be the middle man handling the monies exchanged between private industry and governments in the cap and trade process.

I worry that cap and trade is going to be a windfall for financial institutions while at the same time continuing to deteriorate the working middle class in the State of Oregon. It is going to cost jobs and skyrocket the cost of living in this state. When there is no more stable, well paid middle class jobs where will the tax revenue come from to house the homeless?