

Hello, please reconsider this terrible effort to tax the working families in Oregon. There is no evidence or proof that similar programs in other states are having any meaningful impact on the environment.

The push for electrification has ramifications that are not being calculated or considered. One of the biggest unknowns or unspoken secrets is that the cobalt used in the batteries is mined by slave labor, mostly in the Congo, sometimes even child slave labor. Can the state of Oregon and the Joint Carbon Reduction Committee really endorse this? Can our electric grid handle the burden of the increased electric load of electrification? With the Oregon coal plant being shuttered and the dams in Southern Oregon being removed the answer is absolutely not and it is impossible without more investment than is being proposed.

Another thing nobody is talking about is the fact that a Tesla or other electric model weigh significantly more than a conventional and sensible vehicle. Meanwhile they are damaging our roads at the same pace as a truck and not paying a dime of road tax. This is criminal!!

So where will it end? Currently CA has a combined total of about \$0.28 cents per gallon imposed between the low carbon fuel standard and cap and trade. This is only 5 years in and it is sure to double in the next 5 years. I fear this will be the same situation in OR.

In summary I would be willing to bet that in ten years electrification has only amassed no more than 5% of the cars on the road, OR consumers are paying an additional \$0.50 per gallon and the roads are in no better condition and there are plethora of empty charging stations all over the state taking up valuable real estate and parking places. The environment will remain unchanged by anything we do and will cycle on its own like it has done for hundreds of years.

Please do not harm the livelihoods of Oregonians or force our businesses out of state. We need the jobs and we need to be treated fairly.

Thank You,
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