

Please do not pass a carbon tax in Oregon. I have not heard one reasonable justification for this tax. The only people in favor of this tax is environmental groups that contribute nothing to Oregon's economy and produce nothing but gibberish. Green jobs are not real jobs if they must be subsidized by tax payer money. I think it is an overreach of power to take from legitimate and necessary industry like food production and transportation and use the money to prop up unnecessary green jobs. The necessities like food and heat and shelter will not change just because they are taxed. The businesses that provide necessities will pass the cost to every Oregonian or fail. Small business love Independence and understand risk, it is a slap in face to even consider this legislation. Are you afraid of our system of government? If not simply explain the cost to everyone in Oregon in real honest numbers and in lost jobs and then tell them that the net carbon reduction will be nothing then let the people vote. If you are not willing to do that then admit, at least to yourself, this has nothing to do with climate change. My family has been in Southern Oregon 5 generations and I would not live anywhere else. I have spent almost every day since 1987 in the forest. I have seen all the changes in the economy, the people, the climate and I have seen the negative effect of government regulations. I believe that humans are causing climate change and reduction in carbon is a priority. I see longer, hotter and dryer summers as a very negative situation. I offer a idea it is not a solution but it would probably reduce carbon more in the first year than this tax ever will. If you agree that global warming is happening than we must manage the forest better. Less rain in the future means fewer fir trees per acre. That is simply a fact. Common sense is possible. We can reduce the number of trees per acre or mother nature will do it for us. Thinning has no negative effect , it leaves the best trees free to grow. It reduces fire danger. Healthy tree's produce oxygen and store carbon. Shabby overcrowded tree's are just taking up space waiting to burn (releasing tons of carbon and killing or crippling the healthiest tree's) This also gives us good paying jobs and revenue from the taxes Oregon already has. Again I am apposed to this tax. I'm just a loggers son from Ashland not a recent college grad but I did learn from the generation's before me I'm sure they would not support this tax .

Thank You

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