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Here's a couple questions I have: how much is enough and how does it help?

The federal government is taking action on climate. Oregon is taking action on climate. Oregon is limiting power production and thus limiting the ability of businesses to produce, limiting need for jobs, all while asking for more money for action on climate. How much is enough? The answer to that question only matters when you ask the second question.

How do we know how much is enough if we don't know what effect it has.

So let's take a look at what effect more and more and more money being thrown at the problem has. How many degrees will we lower our atmosphere? Speaking of atmosphere, is our atmosphere contained within the borders of Oregon? The inconvenient answer is no. (As an aside, I have to ask a requisite question - do you know what borders are? Are they useful in this context or like the southern border are they useless? I'd like to know if this bill effects all other states or even other countries as it matters as to how much we're spending. It seems like borders might be useful in this context.) How much will this bill help the world's atmosphere given we have no control over 49 other states nor 195-ish countries? That's a serious question. Please tell the people of Oregon (or, more importantly, ask yourself) how fiscally ramming our head into a wall and cutting jobs will help the climate since we do not control what governments who share out atmosphere?

Below is a link to the logical conclusion of this debate. We have no control over China, who refuses to acknowledge climate change, and accounts for roughly 1/3 of the world's emissions. NOTHING we do will be enough. Ever. As long as China neglects the planet, we (especially as just a state but also as a country) cannot change what is happening unless China changes too. So while yes, we should be doing what we can to reduce or capture emissions, does that mean we should be losing jobs to China and spending wildly to do it not much of anything? HELL NO. We need to be smarter about doing this: We need government to GET OUT OF THE WAY and provide incentives for business and industry to come up with solutions. We should to be (carefully) building relationships with the Chinese to understand the effects they are having on the climate and what we are doing (and what they can do) to help too, not destroying our families and our businesses to solve a problem we on our own cannot fix.

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