I grew up in Pendleton and love the fact that the blue sky goes forever. But your bill will not protect that. All it does is put a price on the pollution so that the polluter can keep on doing whatever and then pay for it. Air is no cleaner. And when you buy offsets, they might be in Argentina or Boston or Beijing -- not necessarily good for Oregon air. Yes, the whole word needs to work on this but look carefully at what Oregon really gets and make people tell you how it will keep my beautiful blue skies in Pendleton or allow me to see Mr Hood without a haze when I come down Burnside.

I did energy work for 25 years. It always amazed me how we make political decisions without ever looking at things like physics. Politics and "looking like we care" always takes precedence over actual facts.

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