

As a former resident of the state of California, I truly object to the carbon tax. Too often those who live in metropolitan areas believe they should be able to control an entire state - without looking at the unintended consequences affecting rural areas.

We do not need higher taxes. Taxing those who need to use vehicles for transportation is unwise. If we are looking for an exodus from the state - then, by all means, enact this tax. I have watched Oregon change from a free-thinking, free-speech, freedom loving state to one going the direction of lock-step - follow California. So many have left California because of various conditions. I don't understand the wisdom of turning Oregon into Northern California.

Education and information is the answer. Knee jerk reactions are not. We quickly put up wind turbines for electricity to avoid nuclear power - only to find that it's killing birds and driving ground animals nuts. Who was concerned about the environmental impact of that? No one.

So before we jump to carbon taxes - let's rethink it - do some critical thinking of the unintended consequences and don't do it.

Thank you
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