

The fact that Oregon has protected our environment, better than many states, is because groups of people worked very hard to keep polluters out. This does not mean we have done enough. We need a partnership of government and people to ensure that every possible opportunity is taken to keep us clean. Our eyes are open. We should no longer tolerate pollution for profit. We must protect the earth first.

Raising the cost of gasoline with a tax seems logical, but it has not, in my experience, stopped people from using it. The reason people drive cars and trucks is because every alternative has been eliminated. If they have to get to work, they will have to cut something else, not their drive miles. Sure, it will work for a few weeks, then everyone goes back to normal, the state gets a bit more money, but the environment gets no benefit.

It seems that this bill is worrying about a trail of ants entering the state, when a battalion of tanks is on the horizon.

Our Oregon government can give the greatest help by stopping the LNG pipelines, processing plants, and tankers from sullyng our state.

Respectfully yours,  
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