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I find it very sad that this legislature is enabling, even supporting, Governor Brown's policies of "rape and pillage" towards the citizens of Oregon. Yes, the majority of urban Oregonians welcome it, but that still doesn't make it ethical or right. Anyone with the first clue of economics knows that companies can't and never will bear the burdens of taxes. Those costs are always passed down to the consumers. You, the state government, propagandized urban citizens into accepting said sales tax by saying that the wealthy corporations will pay. As a result, the consumers impacted the most by corporate taxes are the rural and poor who must spend larger portions of their income to simply live their lives. This is on top of the inequitable effective tax rates as well as indirect taxing of the poor through the state lottery and other fees. Oregon Democrats are no friend of the poor or ordinary.

On top of that, forcing companies to purchase CO2 credits in a hidden market is enabling graft at it's finest. It is well known that the suppliers of these credits are the largest donors to Governor Brown's (as well as a number of Democrat legislator's) campaign coffers. Hiding these transactions is wrong at so many levels beyond hiding corruption. These are the same companies also hire politically connected persons to give speeches and consult at exorbitant rates. I am sure it won't be long until all I elected officials will have clones of the Clinton Foundation to launder their graft payments, then sliding money out of campaign funds will no longer be necessary. People have started taking notice of these pretend largess, as can be seen in the press connecting the dots with the secretary of state's business dealings correlating to campaign donations. I tell you, you don't want to be the politician caught with their pants down, when the media finally rips down the curtains. People are only going to be distracted by the smoke and mirrors so long.

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