I am a resident of rural Oregon and strongly support the Cap and Invest Program.

Not instituting programs to combat climate change only puts off to the future (to our children) the horrible consequences of a warming planet.

We either pay a price today or those in the future, our kids, pay a much steeper price for our selfish immediate behavior.

To be most effective, the program should be economy wide. Short of that, it should be state wide. There should be a minimum of exceptions. Problems from a warming climate do not honor personal spaces nor do they recognize political boundaries.

To be sure, there will be a burden that will more than likely fall most heavily upon the poor, as most problems do, and those living in the most rural part of the state. There can be accommodations made for those folks. But strong efforts to lessen gas emissions now will lessen in the future, the inevitable problems of a warming climate.

Thank you,

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