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Please don't vote for carbon taxes of any kind...cap and trade, or whatever label is put on. It will achieve nothing other than making life difficult, expensive, or impossible for some. Only the rich will be able to afford carbon taxes and the rich/poor gap will widen. Homelessness will increase because people can't afford to get to work.

The climate of the earth has always been changing and will continue to do so regardless of any human effort to stop it. A person might as well ask the moon to please stop making those annoying tide changes.

There is nothing wrong with solar and wind power and other efforts to reduce co2 emissions and electric cars are great for very short trip driving. However, until someone comes up with a battery that will recharge in five minutes, electric vehicles have little or no future.

One thing is sure: The climate will continue to change as it always has. Humans will adapt to it as they always have.

The money generated by carbon taxes presumably goes to efforts to develop energy sources that are carbon free. The past history of this state's economic assistance to would-be alternative energy producers is one of fraud and failure. There is no reason to think more carbon tax money will result in anything different.

Nobody really faces the elephant in the room when it comes to human caused carbon emissions: There are too many humans. The human population of the planet became excessive a long time ago. There are a few things government can do about controlling population growth...birth control materials, education, etc. There is another thing government can, but will never do: Stop giving tax breaks for breeding. Excessive population is a problem, so people who have lots of children are rewarded for contributing to the problem? That's just dumb.

I also need to comment on the gun control measures being considered. I pretty much support them with the major exception of a "safe storage" law. In the Heller decision by the SCOTUS in 2008, they ruled that a person has the right to keep a ready firearm in his or her home for self-defense. Passage of a safe storage law will only enrich lawyers in the legal action that will follow.

I am a hunter, and an NRA member, but I don't think civilians should have military weapons. The gun shops selling them should stop. Almost all of them are purchased by foolish people who just want to hear the gun go bang and thus make them feel powerful. That's also just dumb.

Thanks for your attention.

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