

My name is Nick Konev, president of Freedom Believers. I have stepped into Dominika's role. As you know, we represent about 10,000 Old Believers, many of whom will be first time voters this fall.

I was born in Oregon and lived in Canada most of my life, and moved back to Oregon about a year ago. I worked in construction and logging. January 1 of 2019 was the first day that the Carbon Tax came into effect. The first fuel truck of the year came to fill our fuel tank that we use for our logging machines. The cost of fuel was \$15,000, and the carbon tax was \$1200. On top of that, a Goods and Services tax of 5%. Total tax, \$2010.

The price of everything went up. We pay \$5/gallon for milk, and \$60 for a 24 pack of beer. Alberta was once the Texas of Canada, and by far it's biggest economic engine. By Canadian law, it had to share it's wealth, and subsidized all of the other provinces. The carbon tax, along with anti-fossil fuel policies from the Trudeau government, has gutted Alberta, and now anyone that has a lifeline to the US is leaving. Unemployment rose sharply.

Please don't let this happen to Oregon, our beautiful home state. People will leave, businesses will leave. Eventually, there will be nowhere else to go, so let's stop it here and now.