

Dear pro cat legislators,

I want to thank some of you for calling me stupid. I'm really happy that I don't need to bother myself with complicated issues that won't really affect me anyway. It's so nice of you to try and cram this bill through because we really need it. I'm happy you have taken the time to thoroughly research the facts, and have documentation, science, and other hard evidence backing this up. I take comfort knowing that the rest of the universe will be better because passing this will fix everything. I'm sure the other states and countries will immediately move to match us. There are no downsides right?

I can't wait for this great state to turn into California. It is truly has morphed into a wonderful place to live.

I have family in the Trinity alps, and Bay area. They shut down logging. Fires now demolish entire counties. The state is always in the middle of a drought. The people who lived and worked around the timber communities have been struggling to survive.

No green jobs were brought in. People did not get assistance due to their jobs disappearing. I know, they should have just moved into the cities. That takes money. Money you don't have because your job was taken away from you. You've burned through all of your resources, sold stuff, taken out loans, and are barely able to survive. Where does the money come from? How do you move to the city, find a job, find a residence, put food on the table. You are dead broke.

Moving onto the bay area.

Housing prices are way over the top, that's why half of the residents are moving to Oregon. We have cheaper housing, fuel prices, food, clothing, vehicles, supplies, air quality, cleaner water ways. and just generally cheaper everything.

There are some tech companies starting and expanding there. The problem with that is almost all of the positions are being filled by people from India and other foreign countries. How do those green jobs save people's lives who have been forced out of work? If you have been through there, I don't need to go into detail about the quality of the air, water, and roadways.

Going south, LA is some kind of special. Did you know that science has proven that the exhaust from the new diesel engines filter the air and it comes out cleaner than what people are breathing?

People complain about how expensive Alaska and Hawaii are. Why are they so much more expensive than here? Because it's very expensive to transport things there. Due to the extra taxes, fines, fees, fuel prices, and the general costs of doing business.

The cost of living in California is close to and in some instances more expensive than in Alaska and Hawaii.

I'm so happy that I don't need to waste time trying to make up my own mind. Thank goodness you politicians know and understand exactly how everything works. It's great that you don't have an agenda, and you are only doing me the greatest favor ever. I would hate to get anything wrong since I'm too stupid to think for myself. Thanks a bunch for thoroughly keeping my best interests. Way to do your jobs so superbly. No one can say that you didn't have the majority of constituents in mind. After all 1000 kids showed up the other day, which is way more better and a much more effective than the 10,000 people who came out previously.

The statements I have made can be proven, verified, and are undeniable facts.

Cap and trade on the other hand is great in theory, or as a hypothetical to argue about in school. In a text book, this is the greatest thing ever. It doesn't however work outside of the classroom. California is the indisputable, undeniable truth of what will happen to Oregon.

Why are you so terrified of this going to a public vote? If it is as straight forward and universe changing as you claim it to be, the public will pass it. If by chance 2 or 3 of us do know how to read and put sentences together, it might fail. I believe that when you took office you promised to represent the will of the people.

I can pretty much guarantee that if this does go to a public vote and it passes, we will sit down, shut up, and abide by the will of our fellow Oregonians.

If the claims by some of the democratic party members are true, and the Republicans are just wasting time because you don't really need to understand what you are signing. If you truly believe what you are told you are signing is exactly that, and you don't need to read it before signing, I have some antique jewelry to sell you. Don't worry about reading the authenticity documents. It's not necessary. You can trust me. Besides I'm so stupid I could never pull one over on you.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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