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Like others giving testimony, I've lived in Oregon all my life and I'm a scientist.

Unlike some, I know that carbon dioxide is food for plants and is not a pollutant. Water vapor is far more a green house gas than carbon dioxide.

If we attempt to eliminate the burning of hydrocarbons for energy, then the price of energy will increase more, and energy prices have already caused poverty within our state, and it affect the poor first.

Attempting to charge only businesses for their use of hydrocarbons will simply cause them to pass the cost onto their customers, who are likely residents of this state, or the businesses will simply relocate out of state, causing loss of jobs.

Note too that causing businesses which burn hydrocarbons to relocate doesn't stop them from burning hydrocarbons.

Don't be fooled into believing that humans have caused climate change. In fact, there are at least as many scientists who know humans have not caused climate change as there are scientists who claim humans have done so.