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Every time I hear the words "Cap and Trade," I want to vomit. That's just a cop out for companies to avoid doing their duty in helping to clean up air and land pollution. It seems to be okay for each member of the public to do their part but when it comes to the heavy polluters, we come up with a farce. Trading pollution credits does NOT reduce pollution or green house gases. You know that and I know that so who's kidding whom.

So if your organization has any intention of doing what is necessary to clean up the planet and our air, come up with a plan that is feasible and reasonable from a cost perspective, and get it signed into law. It is unreasonable to require someone to do something that is impractical but so long as the rules are reasonably reachable, let's do it.

As far as the Western States Petroleum Association is concerned, they've been polluting the air for the past hundred years and now they want something that is Cost Effective? That's another cop out. It's about time they did something rational instead of spending their time trying to scam the system. If it requires a small dent in the "bottom line," so be it. I used to live in L.A. and nightly drove down to Hawthorne. The stink in the air was atrocious. It's about time the Western States Petroleum Association began to pay their dues. They're going to soak the public for any costs to their buddies anyway so why are they crying?

Sincerely,



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