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The entirety of this "cap and trade" program is 100 percent ridiculous. You plan to make "greenhouse gas" producers pay a fee for "emission allowances", essentially charging a business a fee to operate. Ridiculous how? Firstly, "Climate Change" is inevitable. Look out the window next time you fly across the country and note how the topography clearly proves where water once was, WAY before man showed up. The climate of the earth has been changing for millennia and our impact on it is minimal.

Have you decided what a "greenhouse gas" is? Have you proven it? Have you defined it?

You then pledge to take these fees and use them to "reduce emissions". How does money reduce emissions? Please be specific. The problem with government fees that are allocated to feel-good projects is the vagueness in the verbiage. It's just a money grab for Washington government to add to their surplus pile of money. You also pledge to use these fees to "support disproportionally affected communities". How do you define that? Affected by what? Are you saying smog only affects people who live in these "communities" because smog is smart enough to rain down on them and then alone? THIS is ridiculous. Emissions affect ALL communities, don't fool yourself or the public. You also claim the fees will be used to "build climate resiliency" without defining that. What exactly is "climate resiliency"? For me, it's an umbrella and a warm coat.

The lack of specifics in this bill are the icing on the Ridiculous Cake that it is.