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What People Are Saying About CARB's New Emissions Tax

A well-designed cap and trade program will help reduce our carbon footprint while protecting California from leakage of production and jobs to other regions. Unfortunately, CARB's proposal to withhold 10 percent of what would otherwise have been free emissions allowances (the "haircut"), which could cost California businesses billions of dollars, will lead to leakage of production and jobs while failing to achieve greenhouse gas reductions required under AB 32.

Here's what economists, business and labor leaders and taxpayer advocates are saying about this fatal flaw in CARB's cap and trade proposal:

"CARB must protect California refineries from imports that will result from a poorly designed in-state Cap and Trade Program. If CARB fails, the result will be a severe loss of California jobs and failure to reach our collective goal of greenhouse gas emission reduction."

United Steelworkers, Letter to CARB
September 27, 2011

"With a 12% unemployment rate it is irresponsible to ignore the adverse economic impacts of the haircut by continuing to move forward with this egregious tax proposal."

California Chamber of Commerce, Comment Letter to CARB
September 27, 2011

"If California's carbon-intensive trade-exposed industries face carbon costs not born by competitors outside the state, production and its associated emissions could shift from California to other regions. If this occurs, emissions outside the state would increase, thus leading to leakage of both emissions and the associated economic activity."

Robert N. Stavins, Todd Schatzki, The Analysis Group, Comment Letter to CARB
August 29, 2011

"The tax will negatively affect all California businesses, in addition to the anticipated fuel, energy and other cost increases that will be passed down to businesses ... an impact on business means an impact on jobs."

AB 32 Implementation Group in Capitol Weekly
October 13, 2011

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