

Basic economics

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As my husband and I left San Francisco, I read your paper to see what's happening in your region. I was delighted to see Gerald Elias' op-ed ("Carbon tax creates energy stability," Nov. 13), which expressed bafflement over a professor's suggestions that we aggressively develop fossil fuel resources, especially on federal land. This would make us even more dependent on just fossil fuels.

Whenever I ask my son, an economist, about energy policy and climate change, he says: "Ma, price carbon emissions either by cap and trade or by carbon tax. It's basic economics."

Taxing carbon emissions would stop all the arguing about permitting, pipelines, regulations and nuclear versus natural gas. Rebate carbon tax revenues could go back to the public so consumers aren't hurt by price increases, and the economy would thrive.

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