

Blunt should help craft carbon tax bill

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Editor, the Tribune: Thank you for publishing George Laur's thoughtful oped article urging Sen. Roy Blunt to sponsor carbon tax legislation with all proceeds rebated to the public. Perhaps Blunt would be more inclined to support the legislation if he saw a recently released Stanford survey that indicates two-thirds of Americans would support a rebated carbon tax. Elected officials must represent their citizen-constituents. Here's the point: Denial of basic scientific facts can only work so long, threats about environmental policy supposedly causing economic ruin can be disproved, intimations of soaring energy prices eventually fall on deaf ears, and insinuations that China won't cooperate ultimately ring false. In the end, the public sorts out the truth from the misinformation.

As Abraham Lincoln said, "You can fool some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time."

The American people want Congress to enact climate legislation. Rebated carbon taxes are the best climate legislation. We deserve the best. When will Sen. Blunt be ready to work with my senators, Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey, to write the best carbon pricing legislation?

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