

Misleading on climate

Mark Perry's misleading op-ed says it's "preposterous" that a state such as California can "save the planet from getting too hot," ("Pricey carbon tax clobbers Calif. consumers, biz," Jan. 26). He neglects to note that, using World Bank figures, California is the eighth-largest economy on Earth — almost as large as Brazil and Britain. So what California does to lower greenhouse-gas emissions matters. A lot.

Perry goes on to claim that gas prices could increase 75 cents a gallon in the state due to its tax on carbon. This bit of misinformation was created by the Western States Petroleum Association, part of a climate-change-denial network funded by the fossil fuel industry, which wants to undermine California's emission reduction legislation.

A Bloomberg Businessweek article entitled "Leaked: The Oil Lobby's conspiracy to kill off California's climate law" looks at the array of "grassroots" groups that the petroleum association has set up as it tries to turn back California's legislation — and make sure other states don't follow its lead. The article says the leaked document "clearly describes a strategy to confuse people about an important law."

— Judy Weiss, Brookline

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