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Regarding the Environmental Quality Board regulation, #7-559: CO2 Budget Trading Program, I would like to say this is an important step toward reducing the disastrous levels of CO2 in our atmosphere. I am not sure if this program provides an opportunity for energy generators to continue producing the same amount of energy, by offsetting their CO2 production; therefore, it seems a bit heavy-handed.

That being said, I think a better approach would be to establish a program such as the Carbon Fee and Dividend, which would engage everyone (businesses, utilities, and private individuals) in a more flexible market-based solution, where there are incentives to reduce utilization of fossil fuels (the "Fee"), and every individual receives some compensation (the "Dividend"), which conveniently makes the economic choice of shifting away from fossil fuels more manageable for those least able to afford it.

Best regards,

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