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***Tax Deductible Gift Recipient Reform Opportunities***

I am horrified at the idea that charities should be forced to spend half of the donations they receive on “remediation” and therefore be restricted in informing people of the problems that will occur and are already occurring as a result of human caused changes in our atmosphere.

It is far better to prevent catastrophic environmental change then to try and clean up afterwards!!! Remediation does not prevent further damage if the cause is not dealt with. Preventing environmental degradation is far more effective than any “remediation” band aid can ever be.

Many people are unaware of how human actions are affecting the atmosphere and how this is slowly changing the climate on our planet. Advocacy by environmental groups is a most important means of informing people.

I get many requests for donations to good causes but for me the MOST IMPORTANT ones are those trying to prevent further changes to our climate (and to the ocean environment) due to rising levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide.

I **value** our beautiful, and probably unique, planet Earth. I feel extremely sad when I think that Mankind could well destroy life as we know it on this beautiful planet. It seems that many regard money and power as more important than the environment that gives us life.

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Suggested reading: ***Prosperity Without Growth: Foundations for the Economy of Tomorrow***, by Tim Jackson, Prof. of Sustainability, Univ of Surrey, UK. (Routledge, Oxon, 2017)