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## *Economy and environment*

As a solid supporter of the environmental movement, I've been insulted and I demand an apology or an explanation.

Contrary to the accusation by Pepperdine University economics professor and environmental movement foe George Reisman (see Theodore Roszak's June 14 Viewpoint article headlined, "Alarmists endangering environmental movement"), I in no way intended the "undoing of the Industrial Revolution and the return to the poverty, filth, and misery of earlier centuries" when I took advantage of state and federal tax credits, and gas company rebates to purchase a solar water-heating system in the early '80s.

Nor do I see myself "as menacing to capitalism as Bolshevism or Nazism." I stand by my earlier belief that by helping to provide a market for the manufacture, distribution, installation and maintenance of such systems, I also helped to create jobs.

After all, we spent (and wasted, too) millions of government dollars over the years in the production of military equipment (much of which ended up on the ocean floor), and that was considered good for the economy.

I assert without hesitation that I did something good for the environment and for the economy. Perhaps Reisman (or an equally qualified basher of environmentalism) will grace these pages with an explanation of where I am mistaken.

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