Do You Want Market-Based Solutions that Benefit Main Street?

“The climate is changing.... Why don’t we take out an insurance policy? ...It’s not all that expensive. ...”

— George P. Schultz
former Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury and CCL Advisory Board Member

“[A] revenue-neutral carbon tax would benefit all Americans by eliminating the need for costly energy subsidies while promoting a level playing field for energy producers.” — George P. Shultz and Gary S. Becker

Mr. Becker, a 1992 Nobel laureate in economics, is a professor of economics at the University of Chicago. Both are senior fellows at Stanford University's Hoover Institution

IT’S TIME TO PUT A PRICE ON CARBON!

“Whether you’re convinced that climate change is a big problem or not, there’s no denying that it presents a risk, and when faced with risks to our health or our automobiles, we take out insurance. The Carbon Dividend is a simple, elegant, market-based insurance policy with the lowest premiums going.”

- Peter Bryn, former ExxonMobil Engineer

We Do!
The Citizens’ Climate Lobby is a volunteer nonpartisan group that gives citizens a voice in market-based climate solutions. Join us!

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Citizens’ Climate Lobby is working to enact 100% Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation to address global warming. We support this because:

- A carbon fee is transparent. It is based on the carbon content of the fossil fuel (coal, oil, gas). The fee is assessed at the source: the mine, the well, and the port of entry.
- The fee starts out low ($15/ton of CO₂ emitted) but rises by $10/ton annually in a predictable manner.
- The carbon fees that are collected will be distributed to all households as a monthly dividend. In 10 years, the monthly dividend for family of 4 with 2 adults and 2 children (under 18) is $288 and in 20 years is $396. Annually, this is $3,456 per family of four in 10 years.
- As a result, real incomes increase by more than $500 per person in 10 years. National employment increases by 2-3 million jobs after 20 years.*
- The monthly dividend shields consumers from increased costs as we transition to a low-carbon energy economy. A $15/ton carbon fee would equal a little less than 15 cents/gallon in gasoline.
- Carbon fee and dividend legislation includes border tariffs for imports that will protect American businesses, discourage them from shipping carbon emissions overseas, keep jobs and businesses here and provide a strong incentive for other nations like China and India to price carbon.
- Within 10 years, low-carbon energy prices will become competitive with fossil fuels and consumers will be able to make affordable choices for low-carbon goods and energy sources.
- Fossil fuels receive $20 billion/year in federal subsidies. A carbon fee gives the fossil fuel industry the opportunity to re-think its business plans and long-term strategies.
- It will unleash wide-ranging investment in the low-carbon energy economy creating American jobs and strengthening American communities.*
- The carbon fee and dividend will add $1.38 trillion to gross domestic product, and save 227,000 American lives while cutting CO₂ emissions to 50% of 1990 levels.*

“[…]Any comprehensive legislative solution must not harm the economy, recognize that the problem is international in scope, and aggressively promote new technologies and efficiency. Protecting our economy and protecting the environment for future generations are mutually achievable goals.” – US Chamber of Commerce, Policy Priorities for 2017, p. 8.

*Visit https://citizensclimatelobby.org/remi-report/ for a summary of this study.