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City of Sebastopol

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Honorable Congressman Jared Huffman
Washington DC Office
1406 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Honorable Congressman Mike Thompson
Washington, DC Office
231 Cannon Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Federal Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Program by the United States Congress

Dear Congressmen Huffman and Thompson:

The City of Sebastopol is encouraging the United States Congress to enact without delay a fee on carbon based fossil fuels and hereby endorses the Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation proposed by the Citizens' Climate Lobby and encourages members of Congress to support Carbon fee and Dividend as a key element in reducing the risks of climate change.

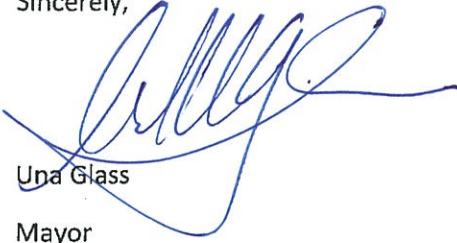
Presently, the environmental, health, and social costs of GHG emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but are externalized and borne directly and indirectly by all citizens. The United States Congress can enact a revenue-neutral carbon fee, which would impose a fee on fossil fuels based upon the amount of carbon dioxide they emit when burned. It is the City's understanding that per a non-partisan study conducted by Regional Economic Modeling, Inc., this program would significantly reduce GHG emissions, increase national employment, and expand investment in renewable energy supplies.

Border adjustments, which are carbon content-based tariffs on products imported from countries without comparable carbon pricing, and refunds to exporters of carbon fees paid, can maintain the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in global markets. A revenue-neutral carbon fee could potentially improve the United States' renewable energy technology, expand its renewable energy supply, and contribute to the achievement of Federal, State, and local GHG reduction objectives.

The City of Sebastopol is recommending that the fee rate should start low and increase steadily and predictably, to achieve the goal of reducing U.S. GHG emissions and that all fee revenue after administration costs should be returned to residents to protect low- and middle-income Americans from the impact of rising prices due to the fee.

For these reasons, the City of Sebastopol strongly encourages the United States Congress to enact without delay a fee on carbon based fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Una Glass', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Una Glass

Mayor

City of Sebastopol
