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CERTIFICATION OF THE TOWN CLERK TOWN OF CAPE ELIZABETH

I, Debra M. Lane, do hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk of Cape Elizabeth, Maine and that at a duly called meeting of the Cape Elizabeth Town Council held on Monday, July 8, 2019, at which all of the seven members of the Town Council were present and voting throughout, the following order passed unanimously.

Presentation HR 763 Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

Peter Monroe, Portland, Member of the Citizens' Climate Lobby encouraged the town council to endorse the resolution entitled, "RESOLVED, that the United States Congress initiate a revenue-neutral fee on Carbon Fuels." The town's energy committee has endorsed the resolve.

Moved by Valerie A. Randall and Seconded by Penelope A. Jordan
ORDERED, the Cape Elizabeth Town Council endorses the resolve entitled, "RESOLVED, that the United States Congress initiate a revenue-neutral fee on Carbon Fuels" as presented.

(7 yes) (0 no)
See attachment.

Debra M. Lane, Town Clerk
Dated at Cape Elizabeth, ME
This 10th day of July 2019.

RESOLVED, that the United States Congress initiate a revenue-neutral fee on Carbon Fuels.

TOWN CLERK
CAPE ELIZABETH, ME
DATED: 7/10/2019

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


WHEREAS, Maine recognizes that the health of our citizens is dependent on the high quality of our air, water, and natural resources and that the health of much of the state's economy, including agriculture, forestry, fishing and tourism are favored by a stable climate;

WHEREAS, the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute agrees with the consensus of climate scientists worldwide, that the climate is now changing rapidly, and that recent changes are associated with increased concentrations of pollutant emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gases, derived principally from the burning of the carbon fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas); and

WHEREAS, the State has pursued efforts through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to reduce the burning of carbon fuels for generation of electricity, and is on target to reduce all emissions to 10% below 1990 levels by 2020, with plans being developed for an 80% reduction by 2050; and

WHEREAS, such reductions of CO₂ emissions worldwide are warranted in order to stay below the 1.5°C global temperature rise that is currently acknowledged to be a dangerous climate threshold; and

WHEREAS, putting a price on carbon fuels ("a carbon fee") is widely accepted by economists as being the most effective means to achieve this goal; with revenues returned to the economy through equitable dividends distributed to all households (both as currently incorporated in the language of H.R.763); with the intent of leveraging market forces to encourage investments in increased energy efficiency and alternate sources of energy by both industry and consumers.

WHEREAS, this carbon-fee-and-dividend proposal is expected to be revenue-neutral (not enlarging government), effective (in reducing emissions), good for people (for improved health and with dividends to cover rising costs and/or choice in a freer market), good for the economy (with new jobs in many sectors), and bipartisan (with support from both major political parties).

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Cape Elizabeth Town Council
(Name of town or group) strongly urges that the U.S. Congress:

(1) Enact a carbon fee and dividend system (as in H.R. 763) that both: a) reduces US CO₂-equivalent emissions to 10% of 1990 levels; and b) encourages similar actions by other nations trading with the United States by suitable carbon-content-based tariffs for imports from, and rebates for exports to, nations that have not taken similar actions; and

(2) Implement this policy with the speed appropriate to the gravity and urgency of the situation, and in recognition of the benefits that will be realized by a transition to clean energy.

Signed 

Title James M. Garvin, Town Council Chairman

Dated July 8, 2019