September 13, 2018

Members of Congress,

As citizens and municipal officials, the undersigned members of the East Rochester Town/Village Board recognize the effects of the use of fossil fuels and its consequences for public health and the environment.

We urge Congress to make effective use of free-market mechanisms to help mitigate these effects, by enacting legislation for Carbon Fee and Dividend (CFD). As a revenue-neutral means to promote transition to greater energy conservation and more renewable sources of energy, a CFD would not burden citizens financially. Because the fee component would be levied uniformly, a CFD would be easier to administer than most other alternatives.

A CFD would motivate conservation and promote renewable energy without extensive regulation by providing incentive to replace carbon-based fuel with sustainable sources of energy.

We ask the Congress of the United States to consider a Carbon Free and Dividend that would:

A) Place a fee on fossil fuels at the source
B) Return all revenue from that fee as a dividend to all households equally; and
C) Apply a tariff on goods imported from, or exported to, countries without an equivalent fee on carbon-based fuels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick Ricci, Mayor
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