


# 30<sup>TH</sup> BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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## RESOLUTION NO. 3935 RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS LEGISLATION IN SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL REVENUE NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND IN ORDER TO HELP SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE

**WHEREAS**, the sustainability and viability of a clean environment is critical for the safety and well-being of our society; and

**WHEREAS**, damaging weather systems are increasing that threaten lives and properties and stress community emergency response resources; and

**WHEREAS**, sea levels of the world are rising and if unabated will substantially impact private, public, and commercial properties; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens have become concerned with the ramifications of poor management of the environment and its impacts now and in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, an effective plan to address climate change must provide a measurable benefit to improving the environment while not detracting from economic viability or opportunity; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States congress has acknowledged that climate change is an important matter that needs to be considered and addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, there is strong scientific agreement that climate change is occurring and is at least partially the result of human activity, including but not limited to the use of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing to use fossil fuels at the current rates will increase the long-term damage of climate change, which will become more and more difficult and expensive to reverse and even to slow; and

**WHEREAS**, a Federal, Revenue Neutral Carbon Tax on fossil fuels would reflect their net real costs to our nation and its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, such carbon tax revenue would be returned to citizens to mitigate its economic impact.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the members of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford hereby express their support of a federally mandated, national revenue neutral carbon tax with all revenues refunded to the citizens; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut urge Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Chris Murphy, and Representatives Jim Himes to take the necessary actions to examine the feasibility of such carbon tax and dividend to citizens and enact such a program to help slow climate change; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to US Senators Blumenthal and Murphy and U.S. Representative Jim Himes.

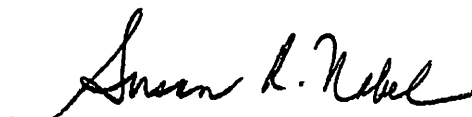
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This resolution was approved by a machine vote of 28-9-1 at the regular monthly meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives held on February 4, 2019.

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30<sup>th</sup> Board of Representatives



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