

We must meet the challenge of climate change with bold action and multiple solutions.

A practical, clear path to address the climate crisis, a carbon fee and dividend would force polluters to bear the cost of their impact on air and water quality while distributing the proceeds to the communities that bear the brunt of excess emissions. The dividend would help low and middle income households by putting money directly into people's pockets.

A carbon fee on fossil fuels will drive down pollution as it moves industry, utilities, and consumers toward cleaner, less expensive options. Developing those options will create jobs. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is among the many groups that have recently called for market-based policies, including carbon pricing, that will work to combat the chaos and loss already being caused by climate change.

The costs of climate change will far outweigh the costs of taking action; the longer we wait, the higher those costs will be. Because national legislation will be more effective than state legislation in this effort, and because 2021 may offer the best chance to pass carbon pricing legislation in congress, I urge you to pass SJM 5-1 in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA).