

While it gives me hope that the Biden administration is taking big actions to address the climate crisis with executive orders like rejoining the Paris Climate Accord, some solutions will require legislation from Congress. There is bipartisan support in Congress for putting a fee on carbon emissions. I am definitely in support of sending a strong message to Congress from the state of Oregon that we support strong climate legislation. I believe that putting a price on carbon is a necessary step to solving the climate crisis.

It is very important to me that that any bill has bipartisan support because making the Earth a livable place for generations to come should not be a political issue. Regardless of where you fall on the political spectrum, we should all want to be a part of this solution. As a parent of young adults, it saddens me that they have grown up shouldering the enormous anxiety that is climate change, and that in their lifetimes they have only seen things get worse. They, and all other young people, deserve better and better starts with seeing the adults in power work together responsibly and respectfully for the sake of the common good.

I urge you to vote in favor of SJM 5. Please help take this vital step! Thank you.