

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

I'm very concerned that U.S. and worldwide emissions are still rising. I care deeply about this issue because I want to conserve and protect the places and people I love, like the forests that surround my home, the national parks that I grew up visiting with my family, and my brothers and sisters who are disproportionately affected by poor air quality and extreme weather events.

After this past summer's wildfires and this past week's winter storm, the climate threat is clear as can be, and it's time for Congress to act. I am writing today to ask you to support SJM 5-1, which urges Congress to enact carbon fee and dividend legislation, such as the [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#) (EICDA). Over [3,500 leading economists](#) agree that a carbon tax offers the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary. The EICDA is a market-based solution that places a steadily-rising fee on carbon and returns the net revenue to individual households.

What's exciting about the EICDA is not only is it effective, but it's also good for the people AND the economy. This policy will reduce America's emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years. The dividend puts money directly into people's pockets every month to spend as they see fit, helping low- and middle-income Americans. And the policy will create 2.1 million new jobs.

Endorsements from the scientific community, businesses, economists, and more show that this is the consensus solution. I urge you to put Oregon in a leadership role with climate legislation and make Oregon the first state to pass a resolution supporting this bill.

Sincerely,

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