

Dear Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment,

Thank you for this opportunity to support SJM5-1. Decades of accumulated scientific evidence, as well as our own lived experiences, make it clear that we must act now to address climate change, if we want a livable planet for ourselves and future generations. Pricing carbon pollution in the form of carbon fee and dividend legislation is a highly effective and equitable way to slow down climate change. I support SJM 5-1 because it urges Congress to enact bipartisan, and therefore long lasting, climate legislation that will accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy. Importantly, carbon fee and dividend legislation, such as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA), protects low-income households during this transition by providing the means to deal with the resulting increases in energy related costs.

On a more personal note: As an environmental science teacher, it is becoming harder each year to inspire my students with hope for their future. I ask you respectfully to urge Congress to pass carbon fee and dividend legislation now to show our young people that we take responsibility for solving the problems we have created, and that we will work hard to provide them with a hopeful future.

With gratitude for the work that you do,
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