

To Members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

I am a 5th generation Oregonian living in unincorporated Washington County. I am a registered Republican and former Recon (MARSOC) Marine. My ancestors settled in the Haines and North Powder area of Baker County in the 1860's and my cousins continue to live and work their ranches as members of the Country Natural Beef cooperative.

I am writing in **support** of SJM5-1 for the following reasons.

- Former Secretary of Defense and four-star Marine General James Mattis says, “why wouldn't we take out an insurance policy and do prudent steps to make certain the generation that's coming up is not going to be caught flat-footed by [climate change]?”
- The US Chamber of Commerce calls for action on climate change and supports policies that are “practical, flexible, predictable, and durable”. Uncoordinated action by individual States can disrupt interstate commerce and cause some businesses to relocate.
- The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act would be an economic driver for communities east of the Cascades; like Haines and North Powder. The dividend gives families the freedom to determine how they will transition away from fossil fuels.
- Finally, households east of the Cascades are treated the same as the households in Portland. The same size household receives the same size dividend, and those dollars would recirculate throughout the local economies.

Sincerely,  
Paul Daigle