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Senate Committee on Energy and Environment

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I am in strong support of national carbon fee and dividend legislation. It seems like the simplest, most fair, and aggressive method to bring about the reductions needed in fossil fuel emissions. The cap-and-trade approach is too complicated and has many opportunities for manipulation.

I have followed climate change science since the 80s when James Hansen first spoke to Congress. Between then and now I have been active in mountaineering. I am also a ski instructor. I have seen first-hand the dramatic changes in the snowpack. And since I follow the science, I can see very clearly what is happening and it scares me.

My home is now carbon neutral. We cycle instead of drive. I have transformed the Mazamas Mountaineering Center to be carbon neutral. Laudable, but grossly insufficient. Most people are unaware, or unmotivated to take any action. We need regulations to shift behavior.

Please pass this resolution and urge Congress to pass the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

Thank you,

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