

I'm writing in response to the testimony by Mary Anne Cooper on behalf of Oregon Farm Bureau on 2/25/2021, asking the Oregon legislature to "wait and see what legislation is introduced during this Congress."

As a linear thinker, I appreciate the reasoning of waiting for a bill to be introduced before expressing support. Here are my thoughts that lead me to encourage approval now of SJM 5-1:

- The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act has been introduced in the last two Congresses, has been steadily gaining support among Democrats and Republicans, and is expected to be reintroduced soon.
- This is not putting the cart before the horse. Oregon's endorsement of this legislation and the solid concept of Carbon Fee and Dividend via SJM 5-1 will help build the political will for the legislation being reintroduced, and with bipartisan support.
- Waiting until a bill is introduced may make it too late for the Oregon legislature to pass a memorial in support.
- The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is not incompatible with other climate actions. There is no downside to expressing support.

Thank you for your consideration and for your work for the environment.

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