

I am very concerned about climate change, and believe that it is urgent that the country and world take significant action now to prevent further disruptions to people, the economy and the planet.

As a member of [Citizens' Climate Lobby](#) (CCL), I appreciate the value of broad, effective solutions that can garner support across the political spectrum - only measures that pass Congress with bipartisan support can be depended on to last.

I urge the Oregon Legislature to pass SJM 5-1, which Urges Congress to enact bipartisan climate change legislation.

CCL has been working for thirteen years to build the political will to enact meaningful bipartisan legislation at the national level to combat climate change.

The [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#) applies a gradually increasing carbon fee to incentivize the reduction in carbon emissions. It is the best first step to combat climate change because:

- It will quickly reduce carbon emissions (at least 40% in 12 years, and 90% by 2050).
- It will significantly reduce deaths caused by pollution.
- Revenues will be paid directly back to households via a monthly dividend, so most people, especially lower income households, will feel no negative impact from increased costs.
- It will spur innovation and create jobs.
- It is bipartisan because it is revenue neutral and relies on market forces instead of regulation.
- Over 3,500 economists support addressing climate change with a gradually rising price on carbon in which all funds are returned to households.

This act is *not* cap and trade or cap and invest. Those methods have detractors due to issues of fairness and effectiveness and growth of government.

A bipartisan Oregon resolution in support of the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act will be an important statement to the rest of the country that bipartisan action on climate is both important and possible. The increasing acceptance of the reality of climate change, the urgency to take action, and the fact 2021 is an off-year for national elections make this a crucial time to push for the enactment of this act.

Thank you!

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