To the Senate Committee on Energy and Environment:

I write to ask that you approve Senate Joint Memorial 5, a strong endorsement for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA) in Congress. Like the majority of Americans, I am extremely concerned about the impacts of climate change, among them extreme weather events like those that recently caused death and destruction in Oregon and across the country. The most effective first step toward hefty reduction of carbon emissions at the national level is through carbon fee and dividend, a market based approach favored by thousands of economists. This approach will protect the financial stability of middle and low income Americans and stimulate our economy as we price ourselves away from fossil fuels. It also has the most bipartisan support in Congress. Oregon is poised to help launch a key climate solution; please seize the moment!

Thank you, Meg Bowman NE Portland bowmanclark@msn.com