

I urge you to support SJM 5-1. Climate solutions supported by cities and states and industry leaders will make the best national policy. Grassroots support is the first step in achieving our goals of reducing America's emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years. Citizens Climate Lobby supports a carbon fee and dividend approach which is also widely supported by economists and scientists as simple, comprehensive, and effective. It improves health and save lives by reducing pollution that Americans breathe. Poor air quality causes an estimated 114,000 U.S. deaths each year and sickens thousands more. Additionally, the carbon dividend puts money directly into people's pockets every month to spend as they see fit, helping low and middle income Americans. This in turn bolsters the economy by creating 2.1 million new jobs. This approach is bipartisan. The majority of Americans support Congress taking action on climate change, including more than half of Republicans. Solving climate change is too urgent to get caught up in partisan politics. We have a moral responsibility to address this issue NOW.