

I support HR 763 because it will reduce carbon emissions in our country and set us on a path of regeneration. I am a Florida native who moved to Ashland, Oregon two years ago to study Biochemistry at SOU. I am deeply saddened by the recent devastating fires that ripped through not only our town but through the West Coast as a whole. I am used to hurricanes flooding and flattening towns. I am used to massive fish kills from algal blooms due to agricultural run-off and the huge dead zone (hypoxic) in the gulf near my home in Pensacola. I am not used to grass fires consuming towns, or months of breathing in smoke. I know from my experiences that the destruction and effects of climate change and mass consumption of fossil fuels is seen and felt regardless of location on this planet. Something must change.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is appealing because it addresses pollution from fossil fuels with a fee that goes directly back to American households, especially having a positive effect on low-income households. This act continues to be appealing by not adding new regulations or increasing federal spending. I appreciate that there is bi-partisan support for this bill.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act is a success for our state, our country, and the planet. Oregon's decision to pass Senate Joint Memorial 5 is an important step forward for this legislation.

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