

Resolution Urging Congress to Pass Fee and Dividend Legislation on Carbon in Fossil Fuels

WHEREAS, a carbon fee and dividend law would incentivize energy efficiency and the use of low carbon energy sources, reduce the need for government regulations, improve public health, promote employment and energy security, and provide a guaranteed income for extremely low-income, low-income and middle-income households; and

WHEREAS, climate scientists worldwide are in near-unanimous agreement that the Earth is warming rapidly causing climatic changes threatening the Earth's natural systems and human civilization and that the primary cause of warming is the burning of fossil fuels without accounting for the costs of carbon pollution in the price of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee acknowledges the importance of taking action to reduce fossil fuel use and understands that the transition from fossil fuels is best advanced by a market-based program, namely a carbon fee on fossil fuel producers with a corresponding rebate or dividend to consumers;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Clara County Democratic Central Committee strongly urges Congressmembers Eshoo, Lofgren, Panetta, and Khanna to support HR 5744 Energy Innovation Act legislation that levies an annually increasing fee on carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production or importation with revenue returned via a dividend to households per capita.

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