

Resolution 160320

2020 Resolution Supporting the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act

The Problem

Global climate change is real and a serious threat to Wisconsin, effecting farming, winter sports, wildlife, forests, and the economy, with even greater impact than the Covid-19 pandemic.

Congress is responding by requiring fossil fuel companies to pay a steadily rising fee on carbon that would stimulate conservation, technological innovation, clean energy, jobs and economic growth. Border adjustments protect American firms and encourage other nations to adopt similar policies.

Equal payment of funds to all families would protect our most-vulnerable with most Americans receiving more in dividends than their increased energy costs. Fuel used on farms and by the military is exempt.

Over 3,555 American economists, four former Federal Reserve chairs, 27 Nobel Laureate economists, 15 former chairs of the Council of Economic Advisers and two former Secretaries of the Treasury agree that such a fee is "...the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary."

This model of carbon fee and dividend is supported by Trout Unlimited, Protect Our Winters, the National Ski Areas Association, U.W. Stevens Point, nine county and municipal governments, three major newspapers and over 135 Wisconsin organizations, sporting groups and businesses.

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (HR 763), with 80 cosponsors in The House of Representatives, embodies these principles.

Would you support the Conservation Congress in endorsing and encouraging the U.S. Congress to pass The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act?

YES _____ NO _____

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