

Carbon tax is better for consumers than cap and trade

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Re "California, Quebec join to take lead on climate policy" (Viewpoints, April 26): Gray Davis and [Jean Charest](#) are right that we need a price on carbon, and that improving [energy efficiency](#) and developing new energy technologies will cause our economy to grow. These liberal leaders back a cap-and-trade approach to pricing carbon.

However, conservatives and environmentalists prefer a revenue-neutral carbon tax because the tax will be paid by fuel producers and be rebated to American households. The rebate will help us cope with rising prices as energy costs begin to reflect the damage their pollution causes. It is fair for polluters to pay for their pollution, and it is fair for households to receive the tax to help folks transition to an environmentally safer economy.

Readers should ask their senators and representatives to support a revenue-neutral national carbon tax modeled on the one proposed by Sens. Barbara Boxer and [Bernie Sanders](#) in their Climate Protection Act of 2013.

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