

Carbon fee and dividend makes economic sense

I thank The Times for publishing Joseph Robertson's guest op-ed on climate change and the risks it presents to New Jersey, "Address climate change and prosper" (June 10).

Mr. Robertson does a great job of trying to convince readers that global warming must be addressed, concluding, "No one's ideology should be an obstacle to supporting smart solutions." His conclusion is even more true since REMI (Regional Economic Models Inc.) released its study of a national carbon tax with rebates.

REMI's study concluded that a gradually increasing carbon tax paid by fossil fuel producers and fully rebated to the public via monthly checks to households would cut emissions, grow the economy and create an estimated 2.1 million jobs within 10 years.

I ask New Jerseyans to urge Reps. Chris Smith (R-4th Dist.) and Leonard Lance (R-7th Dist.) to review REMI's study. I think they will find that any politician, no matter his or her ideology, would want to support this type of carbon tax because of its economic benefits.

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