

Carbon fees can work

Thank you for John McAndrew's article ("Bold leadership needed on climate," My View, April 19) on carbon fee and dividend legislation. McAndrew focused on building Republican support, arguing that studies demonstrate this legislation constitutes good economic policy. Republican politicians can support it even if climate change isn't a top concern.

A study just released by Stanford indicates two-thirds of Americans would support carbon fees if they were rebated to the public. Republican politicians are noticing political will for government climate action building in their districts. Indeed, congressional Republicans are looking closely at rebatable carbon taxes. Citizens' Climate Lobby held congressional information sessions in November: 40 percent of attendees were Republicans. CCL ran information sessions again in March: 50 percent of attendees were Republicans.

McAndrew also noted that the pope and influential evangelicals are calling for climate action. CCL would like American faith leaders from all persuasions to join us in Washington in June when we meet with all members of Congress.

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