

Carbon fees could ease transition from coal

Your editorial, "U.S. should ease transition from coal," was beautifully argued, affirming climate facts while permitting readers to disagree and still accepting your conclusions.

Yet you omitted one detail. How can Congress afford to "pour significant money into states that rely heavily on coal as an incentive to switch to cleaner fuels" and shield ratepayers from extra costs?

Simple. The oil and gas industry insists that Congress must tax them to provide a smooth and easy transition off coal and eventually off oil and gas. Check websites of Exxon, BP or Shell Oil. A carbon fee paid by producers of coal, oil and gas will raise trillions of dollars.

Most of this revenue must go to the public to shield against price increases. Readers should tell Sen. Dan Coats they want him to introduce the "George Shultz carbon fee and dividend" proposal and negotiate funds for coal states.

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