

# Carbon taxes are win-win solution

Regarding the [letter](#) titled “Climate change is big business,” Peter Jaycox wrongly assumes that [Amelia Potvin](#) is employed by Citizens’ Climate Lobby (Sept. 10, The Aspen Times).

He is also wrong when he assumes that she and Citizens’ Climate Lobby are promoting an income–redistribution scheme. Citizens’ Climate Lobby’s sole purpose is to empower citizens to lobby their members of Congress for legislation to stabilize the climate. Letters and op–ed articles are written and submitted by volunteers.

If Jaycox would do a little bit of reading about carbon taxes, he would find that Mitt Romney’s economic adviser Greg Mankiw thinks it is the best solution to climate change. Ronald Reagan’s Secretary of State George Schultz and Bush’s Secretary of the Treasury Henry Paulson recently began advocating for a carbon tax to fight climate change. All former Environmental Protection Agency directors serving Republican presidents are worried about climate change and have urged Congress to enact a carbon tax. In fact, Schultz serves on the board of directors of Citizens’ Climate Lobby.

The Republican Party has rarely been accused of a plan to redistribute wealth to low– and middle–income people. And no one accuses the GOP of participating in a hoax to promote climate–change misinformation. Finally, Holman Jenkins Jr., a member of the editorial board of the Wall Street Journal, has written that a carbon tax is our first best policy option to fight climate change.

Let’s stop arguing about nonsensical ideas that climate change is a hoax. It is not. Let’s start arguing about how to structure a carbon tax and what to do with the revenue collected. Citizens’ Climate Lobby wants it all rebated to the public. Readers should please tell Sen. Mark Udall, Sen. Michael Bennet and Rep. Scott Tipton what they think Congress should do with the revenue from a national carbon pollution tax: Rebate it to the public, reduce income taxes, fund Social Security, or invest in renewables.

It’s time to decide. Make sure you are properly informed and heard.

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