

# Create carbon tax

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Great article on global warming by Peter Paden. However, after telling us how global warming is progressing so fast it may be “impossible to stop the trend from spinning out of control, with potentially catastrophic consequences for life on earth as we know it,” he then simply reminds us to lower our carbon footprint. I’m pretty sure lowering my carbon footprint won’t make a difference compared to global emissions, so his article left me feeling powerless — nothing I can do is enough to influence this trend.

However, there is something we can do to stop the trend from spinning out of control. We can demand Congressional legislation charging a tax on carbon emissions and rebating the tax to households. The point of a carbon tax is to persuade investors to invest heavily in emissions-free energy, and dissuade consumers from using fossil fuel energy. Why rebate the tax? The rebate shelters consumers from rising energy prices, enables consumers to buy more efficient appliances, autos and home insulation, and prevents the tax from being a drag on the economy. In fact, studies have shown that a carbon tax will be a boon for the economy leading to job growth.

Readers, who want to stop the trend of rising temperatures and global warming, can contact Citizens' Climate Lobby for more information about lobbying Congress for a revenue-neutral carbon tax and rebate.

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