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End fossil fuel subsidies

Thank you for the excellent [Feb. 19 editorial](#) “Energy subsidies aren’t just for renewables, fossil fuels get the lion’s share.” The only thing the BDN didn’t tell readers is they have the power to do something about the exorbitant fossil fuel subsidies, direct and indirect, that our tax dollars are paying. They can urge Rep. Bruce Poliquin and Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King to sponsor legislation ending all energy subsidies and instead pay a carbon dividend to the public.

The carbon dividend should be paid for by charging fossil fuel companies carbon extraction fees. They extract dirty fuels from the ground, we should get paid. We don’t want our taxes to subsidize their profit-making ventures any more.

Thanks for laying out all the facts so clearly. For more information about carbon dividends, contact Citizens’ Climate Lobby.

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