

Exxon joins call for carbon tax

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I loved [Chris Hoffman's op-ed](#) about being a recovering fossilist and ambivalence over change. Hoffman suggests that we may be pushed out of ambivalence and neutrality by cost-benefit analyses or a "fearless moral inventory." Those are good. So is ending the power that enablers have over us — these enablers help perpetuate our addiction to their fossil fuels. Exxon, a long-time enabler, took a bold step in December towards helping us recover from fossilism. [Exxon met with the Houston Chronicle editors](#), explained global warming, the role of fossil fuels, and asked Congress to charge them a tax on the carbon content of their fuels. Charging a carbon tax makes cost-benefit analyses more clear. Money often plays a key role in ending addictions. Only after we begin recovering from our national fossilism can we do a truly honest moral inventory and seek the forgiveness of those — like our children and grandchildren, and local and distant communities harmed by fossil fuel pollution and climate change — whom we have harmed with our excessive fossil fuel use.

Please call on Sens. Bennet and Gardner and Rep. Polis to sponsor carbon fee and dividend legislation immediately.

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