

Judy Weiss: Firefighters welcome in carbon debate

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Great op/ed article “Pulling the fire alarm on climate change” by firefighter Marcus Ryan urging us to support President Obama's campaign to reduce carbon dioxide emissions with energy efficiencies, tax incentives for clean energy and slow phase out of fossil fuels.

I urge Marcus Ryan to join the local chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby to find out why a gradually increasing carbon tax paid by fossil fuel producers and completely rebated to the public via checks to households would be better than tax incentives, mandated efficiencies and phase outs of fossil fuels. Republican, former EPA directors want Congress to enact a carbon tax. Former Treasury secretaries want Congress to enact a carbon tax. CCL members who are Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, clergy, scientists, teachers, doctors, lawyers, oil, gas company employees, farmers, bankers . . . work together to lobby Congress for a carbon tax that will lower emissions nationally and internationally without being a hardship on the population. We would love to have a brigade of wildland firefighters join our forces.

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