

Help fight climate change with fee

Thank you for publishing Bard Center for Environmental policy student Jennifer Hanna's article (["Good things in the works on climate change,"](#) My Valley section, Feb. 8) on her internship with the World Wildlife Fund and the opportunity she had to attend the recent climate change summit in Peru. As she summed up the important year we just had building momentum to fight climate change, she mentioned that Chile enacted a carbon tax to lower its emissions.

Our Congress is also moving toward enacting a carbon emissions tax to be paid by fossil fuel producers. Citizens' Climate Lobby held two days of briefings on Capitol Hill in November to help senators, House representatives and their aides understand the best way to design a carbon emissions charge. What they learned is that, if all the money collected from fossil-fuel producers is rebated to the public, we'll be shielded from price increases. We'll make better decisions, investors will invest more wisely for our future, and the economy will continue to grow.

Economic studies show that rebating a carbon tax to the public will result in more jobs being created in growth sectors than are lost in fossil fuel industries.

Even better, would you believe that one-third of the attendees at our briefing sessions were Republicans, and that no one walked out early? Would you believe that Republicans are interested in sponsoring common sense, carbon pricing legislation that is easier to administer than regulations? All they need now is to hear a little more enthusiasm from the public for climate legislation.

Please urge your members of Congress to support a carbon fee with full rebate to the public.

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