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Letter: McGuire's series could use one more piece

What a fabulous article by UMass Dartmouth professor Chad McGuire. I'm sorry that the series ends after just four parts. I would love to see him write a fifth that explains his last idea: how to put "the costs of carbon back into the production process so the price reflects true costs." Until he writes that fifth article, readers should please contact Citizens' Climate Lobby to find out how to enact a job-creating carbon emissions fee in order to lower emissions faster than environmental regulations and without the price uncertainties of a cap and trade system.

In McGuire's third article, he explained that voters are at fault: If we only vote based on short-term concerns, our politicians will only deal with short-term issues (like providing disaster relief instead of lowering emissions). But with a rebated carbon fee, household incomes will increase (in real dollars) as the tax increases and as emissions drop. Rebating the fee to the public means the public will spend more on goods and services from labor-intensive industries (health care, retail, entertainment), as they spend less on fossil fuels from industries that are not labor-intensive.

Voters don't have to choose between eating our cake now, and allowing our children to eat the cake later. Voters just need to urge their members of Congress to enact carbon-fee and rebate legislation.

If McGuire would review economic studies of this carbon fee and rebate, it would be icing on the cake.

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