

Mobilize behind climate policies

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Phil Duffy wrote a thoughtful, informative, clear article (Nov. 1) explaining why people tend to have trouble acting on climate change, and why we must "support and enact policies at the local, state and federal levels aimed at limiting climate change to acceptable levels." Duffy wisely ended with words of hope that "it's a challenge we can meet."

I have three points to add. One, everyone who studies climate change policy options - including legal scholars, economic modelers studying national, regional and state options, governments, banks, fossil fuel companies, former EPA directors who served Republican presidents, conservative Republican economists, and even Exxon's CEO - everyone affirms that pricing carbon with a carbon tax is the simplest, cheapest, most effective way to cut emissions.

Two, climate change deniers have begun denying carbon taxes are good policy by falsely claiming that carbon taxes will hurt low-middle income families. People who say carbon taxes will hurt low-middle income families are part of a sinister, orchestrated campaign to delay legislation that can protect the health of low-income families who are often physically harmed by fossil fuel pollution. Congress can protect America's low-middle income families financially too, by making carbon taxes revenue-neutral, and rebating the revenues to the public.

Three, Citizens' Climate Lobby is an organization of volunteers who just work to build the political will for Congress to enact carbon tax legislation before it's too late. We are holding free information sessions for the public on Saturday, Nov. 14, (from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.) in Nashua, NH, featuring Dr. James Hansen, Steve Curwood and Scott Nystrom, economist with Regional Economic Models Inc. Please join us to find out how to help Congress enact the best of all possible climate policies for our world.

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