

August 8, 2018

Congressman Panetta
Salinas Office
100 W Alisal St
Salinas, CA 93901

RE: Support for Carbon Fee and Dividend Program

Dear Congressman Panetta:

On August 6, 2018, the Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea passed a resolution in support of the Carbon Fee and Dividend Program (Program) proposed by the non-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby. As the Mayor of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, I am writing to urge your support for this proposal.

As a coastal city surrounded by significant ecological resources, including coastal waters designated as an Area of Special Biological Significance, we are very concerned about the impacts of climate change on the health and safety of our residents, as well as that of our surrounding ecosystems. Among the many impacts of climate change, we are anticipating increases in air and ocean temperatures, stronger storms, increasing threats of wildfires, beach erosion, and ocean acidification. A rapid shift to green energy alternatives is needed to curb our reliance on fossil fuels and reduce the severity of the impacts of climate change.

A national Carbon Fee and Dividend Program would be an efficient approach to make this rapid shift occur by establishing a fee on greenhouse gas emissions that would make cleaner energy options less costly than fossil fuels. The Program would also provide households with a dividend offsetting the increased cost of energy, thus minimizing impacts on low- and middle-income households.

The City believes that a national Carbon Fee and Dividend Program is vital to the rapid shift needed to curb our reliance on fossil fuels and reduce our collective impact on the climate. Attached is the City's resolution requesting that the United States Congress pass legislation to establish this critical Program.

Sincerely,

Steve Dallas
Mayor
City of Carmel-by-the-Sea

Attachment: Resolution 2018-_____

August 8, 2018

Monterey County Board of Supervisors
PO Box 1728
Salinas CA 93902

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Dear Members of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors:

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