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| <p>Latest LTE's 12/5: Climate change: It is time to act by Maggie Aspland in the Vashon-Maury Is. Beachcomber 12/7: Climate change: Bipartisan hope arrives in Congress by Ginny Lohr in the TNT</p> | <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday Jan. 23, 6:30 – 8:30, Location TBD. NO DEC. Meeting.</p> <p>Check the Facebook page to stay current: https://www.facebook.com/CCLTacoma/</p> |
| <p>THE BIG NEWS: HR 7173 ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT</p> <p>Sponsored by Rep Ted Deutch (D - FL) and now also has 3 republicans and 3 democrats as co-sponsors.</p> <p>Website: https://energyinnovationact.org/</p> <p>The bill has dropped, this is carbon fee and dividend. Deliberately dropped in the lame duck session to start gathering support for when it is reintroduced in the 2019 session.</p> <p>How it works, from the CCL Community website:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Carbon Fee: This policy puts a fee on fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas as far upstream as possible. It starts at \$15/ton and increases by at least \$10/ton annually. This will drive down carbon pollution because energy companies, leading industries, and American consumers will move toward cleaner, cheaper options. 2. Carbon Dividend: The money collected from the carbon fee is allocated in equal shares every month to the American people to spend as they see fit. Program administrative costs are paid from the fees collected. The government does not keep any of the money from the carbon fee. 3. Border Carbon Adjustment: To protect the US manufacturers and jobs, imported goods will pay a border carbon adjustment, and goods exported from the US will receive a refund under this policy. 4. Regulatory Adjustment: This policy prevents additional regulations on covered CO2 emissions, as long as emission targets are being met. If emission targets are not met after 10 years, then EPA regulatory authority over these emissions would be restored. Regulations based on other pollutants will not be affected, nor will regulations such as auto mileage standards, water quality and more. The Clean Air Act is still in effect. <p>You can support the bill by writing LTE's to your local paper and calling or writing your representatives. Tools for both are at CCL-Community. Join for free.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LTE: visit the take action page and find LTEs on left side, or just go to your newspaper on-line LTE page; for the TNT that's: https://www.thenewstribune.com/opinion/letters-to-the-editor/submit-letter/. Read Ginny's letter for an example. More is better even if not printed. • Contacting your representative: https://www.house.gov/representatives/find-your-representative. CCL-Community also has tips on what to say and how to say it. | |
| <p style="text-align: center;">CCL-Tacoma 2019</p> <p>November meeting concluded with a brain storming session on ideas of what we want to do as a group in the coming year. We will continue this discussion in January but here is what we have so far:</p> <p>Write: LTEs, Op-Eds, our Representatives.</p> <p>Tabling: Tacoma, Puyallup, Fircrest, Vashon venues.</p> <p>Talk to: family members, friends, acquaintances.</p> <p>Present to and encourage activism: HS students, College students, groups of any kind that invite us.</p> | |

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Develop Relationships with: local editorial boards, colleges: TCC Pierce, UWT, PLU, UPS, Clover Park, Bates,

Events: create and participate in environmental events, summits, such as the Fircrest environmental day

Support New Chapter development: at colleges/HS, Gig Harbor, Vashon, anywhere there is sufficient interest.

Social Media: use the platform to reach out to family and friends

Endorsements for HR 7173: from City Councils, Newspapers, Port of Tacoma, Chamber of Commerce, other organizations that provide leadership.

Lobbying: Meeting, calling, and testifying

Create CCL awareness with: bumper stickers, car magnets, parade marching with our banner

Chapter Liaisons: to our representatives, to other environmental groups.

Please join us however that works for you, doing just one thing is a big thing.

State Effort to Support

There is a strong coalition in state for passage of clean energy legislation in the next session. Several bills are forthcoming in both the House and Senate, the major one advocating for 100% fossil fuel free electrical energy, clean energy, by 2045. Call the Hotline at 800-562-6000 and tell ask your state representative and senator to support a clean energy future for our state. This is a PNW effort, check out the website <http://www.100forpnw.org/>. Lobby day in Olympia is Tuesday, January 29, stay tuned for how to participate.

Another view point on climate change you may enjoy:

01/09/19 at 10 am PT, Dr. Kathryn Hayhoe (evangelical climate scientist), Naomi Oreskes (Harvard Professor), and Jim Antal (long time leader of faith activism on climate change and author) will do a webinar *From Climate Reports to Moral Imperatives*. [Registration link:](#)

<https://ucc.zoom.us/join/d8adcdc144b48e7bd746f627e8486654>.