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Letter: Carbon fee is a good idea

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Genevieve Briand's May 24 Letter to the Editor, "Is a carbon fee a good idea," responded to Robert Briggs's May 12 His View column about Citizens Climate Lobby's revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend proposal. She presented many interesting points focused on the economics of the proposal. I want to thank her for putting so much thought into this important issue.

Briand states that we need new technologies. A price on carbon will achieve this. It will decrease

the cost of carbon-free energy by fostering both efficiencies of scale and technological innovations. In Spain and Germany market incentives have been used, and costs have decreased dramatically. In both countries, solar panels on commercial buildings now produce electricity at costs equivalent to conventional energy sources. And costs continue to drop.

An analysis released just this month by Regional Economic Models Inc. indicates the carbon fee and dividend proposal of

Citizens Climate Lobby would add more than 2 million jobs to the economy in 10 years, while reducing carbon emissions by 33 percent. I encourage Briand and others to look at this study for more detailed information on the economics than I could ever provide. For a press release about the study and a link to the complete study, go to this shortened link:
<http://goo.gl/eoxQvJ>.

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