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Follow DiCaprio's lead

Leonardo DiCaprio's Academy Award acceptance speech for Best Actor focused on climate change. He called it "... the most urgent threat facing our entire species." He later added, "... We just have to have the political will."

In fact, politicians in Washington, D.C., are beginning to develop the political will to confront climate change. Thirteen House Republicans have signed a resolution (H. Res 424) "to create and support economically viable ... solutions to study and address the causes and effects of measured changes to our global and regional climates. ..."

On Feb. 1, U.S. Reps. Carlos Curbelo, R-Fla., and Ted Deutch, D-Fla., created the bi-partisan Climate Solutions Caucus to "explore policy options that address the impacts, causes and challenges of our changing climate."

One policy option with growing support from both Republicans and Democrats is a revenue-neutral fee on fossil fuels, with proceeds returned to American households. George Shultz, who served under Presidents Nixon and Reagan, and Robert Reich, who served under Presidents Carter and Clinton, are among its supporters. This simple proposal uses market forces, not government regulations, to find solutions to climate change.

Learn more about this solution from Citizens' Climate Lobby, a non-partisan, grassroots organization working to build the political will for a livable world. It teaches citizens to exercise their personal and political power productively. Also check out our local chapter (cclpalouse.org). DiCaprio believes we can tackle climate change. Help make this happen by working with CCL to expand the political will in Congress.

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