

Letter: Fee-and-dividend legislation

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A reason offered against legislating for CO2 reduction is that people can privately do this by acting upon their personal understanding and values. Flippantly treating our planetary climate epoch, which humanity has grown up with, by saying "people can fix it themselves if they think it's serious enough" is dangerous and disrespectful.

Reducing greenhouse gas is something that most people agree with, yet most people can't do this in current society. This is a disconnect between what people want and what people understand about their options. But why?

Have people knowingly chosen to cause climate change by buying and burning fossil fuels? No, we didn't have other options nor sufficient public understanding. In our defense, corporations and social leaders suppressed other forms of energy as well as climate-change science.

Purporting that people can stop causing global warming if they really wanted to is a lie promoted by those who arrange society so that people end up causing global warming without real understanding.

For the greater good, leaders must act transparently and arrange society to stop causing global warming. If the masses have burned fossil fuels in the past without knowing what corporations knew and suppressed, then we can now stop burning fossil fuels without knowing what scientists know and yet are transparently telling us.

Some things are prudent for a society to do uniformly, irrespective of personal understanding. In the past we prioritized several issues, such as adding iodine to salt; wearing safety belts; using fair workplace practices; and not pouring factory sludge into rivers. Reducing human-caused greenhouse gases is now the priority of our era.

Please ask for fee-and-dividend legislation advocated by the Citizens' Climate Lobby as a market-friendly way to reduce CO2 and human-caused climate change.

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