

Agenda – June 21, 2018
Palouse Citizens' Climate Lobby

5:30-7:00pm, Umpqua Bank Meeting Room, 225 N. Grand Ave., Pullman

Introductions and Additions to the Agenda

Laser Talk - Bipartisanship

Review of Minutes

Announcements and Reports

- National CCL Conference and Lobby Day in DC , June 11-13 – Mary, Jeff, Judy
- Moscow and Pullman City Council updates – Mary, Judy
- Americans for Carbon Dividends - Pete

Action Items from May meeting and updates from interest groups

- Media – Op-eds and letters to the editor
- Presentation opportunities?
- Tabling - Moscow Farmer's Market - Sign up for a Saturday or two!

Where should we put our efforts next? Our campaign to collect signatures calling for our members of Congress to act on climate change was a great success!! Now what?

National Call: Nathaniel Stinnett, Environmental Voter Project

If political will is the key to enacting effective climate policies, there's a big obstacle that needs to be overcome: Many environmentalists are not showing up to vote. The [Environmental Voter Project](#)'s mission is to identify citizens concerned about environmental issues who are staying home on election day and turn them into active voters. Stinnett has held a variety of senior leadership and campaign manager positions on U.S. Senate, congressional, state, and mayoral campaigns. He was named one of America's 50 environmental visionaries and is a frequent speaker on cutting-edge campaign techniques at top universities and campaign management trainings. You can watch the call at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JPxOf1rb8c4&feature=youtu.be> or listen to it at <https://ccl.podbean.com/e/june-2018-monthly-meeting/>

Fact of Interest: Mary - 2018 World Bank Carbon Pricing Report

Actions for the Month

1. Write letters to the editor and op-eds about the CCL International Conference
2. Plan your summer outreach with CCL in your beach bag – Spread the word about CCL!
3. Laser Talk Exercise: Bipartisanship

Next Meeting – July 19 at the Senior Center in the 1912 Center, Moscow, 5:30-7pm.

Bipartisanship

LASER TALK EXERCISE

Our primary ask this year for our lobby day is: "Introduce or support bipartisan Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation." Since we are putting extra emphasis on bipartisanship this election year, our laser talk exercise offers some useful talking points on working across the aisle.

Exercise

Pair up with another volunteer and take turns reading aloud the Bipartisanship Laser Talk below and then ask each other open-ended questions. [Hint: Open-ended questions usually start with Who, What, Where, When, Why or How.]

Laser Talk: Why is bipartisanship important for climate policy?

When legislation is bipartisan, it means that both parties have taken ownership. That's the key to making laws that will endure.

In 1935, the House passed the Social Security Act by a margin of 348 votes. [1] In 1963, the Clean Air Act passed the House by 164 votes, [2] and bills to strengthen it were passed by even larger margins – 374 votes in 1970 [3] and 382 votes in 1990. [4] All these bills had bipartisan support and were signed into law by both Democratic and Republican Presidents.

Bipartisan legislation may seem invisible to the public because it's not newsworthy. It can't compete with conflict, controversy, and scandal for media attention. But it's the way the best things get done in D.C. Most legislators actually do value reaching across the aisle. We see that in the formation of working groups like the Problem Solvers Caucus [5] and the Climate Solutions Caucus. [6]

But what about the voters? What do they really want? Political scientist Dr. Celia Paris tells us about research showing that, regardless of party, voters have more confidence in Congress when "a bill has bipartisan sponsorship." They "assume that bills sponsored only by the opposite party are bad," but, on the other hand, bipartisan collaboration, "benefits a legislator's reputation and it also increases public support for the policy." [7]

We need both major political parties to support climate action, not just to get legislation passed and signed, but also to show that they are invested in making it succeed over the long haul.

Related

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3. "To Pass H.R. 17255." Voteview.com (accessed 05/09/18).
4. "Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990." Voteview.com (accessed 05/09/18).
5. "Problem Solvers Caucus." Ballotpedia (accessed 05/09/18).
6. "Climate Solutions Caucus." Citizens' Climate Lobby (accessed 05/09/18).
7. Winchester, F. "Bipartisanship improves public opinion of legislators & policy," Citizens' Climate Lobby (13 Feb 2018).