



**300 Forest Avenue
Pacific Grove, California, 93950**

Dear Civic Leader:

On February 7, 2018, the Council of the City of Pacific Grove passed a resolution in support of the Carbon Fee and Dividend legislative principles proposed by the non-partisan Citizens' Climate Lobby. I am writing to urge your support for these principles.

These principles would provide an efficient approach for shifting the incentives that keep the United States reliant on fossil fuel energy and would, thereby, then contribute to and help support the rapid deployment of clean energy alternatives.

This approach would be fair to everyone and would protect middle and low-income households by providing them with a dividend (also known as a rebate) that, on average, would be higher than the increased costs for energy for two-thirds of all households (specifically the lowest income two-thirds) during the transition to clean energy.

The non-partisan study by Regional Economic Models, Inc. finds that this approach would ensure a substantial increase in private investment in cleaner energy. It would encourage consumers and businesses to keep their carbon footprint smaller while keeping energy affordable.

According to a recent report of the United States Global Change Research Program, "Leaders and residents of coastal regions are increasingly aware of the high vulnerability of costs to climate change and are developing plans to prepare for potential impacts on citizens, businesses, and environmental assets." In our coastal city of Monterey County, we anticipate increases in air temperatures, possible shifts in precipitation, higher sea levels, severe storms, and ocean acidification with a secondary impact being an increased risk in exposure to wildfire.

We believe that the early adoption of the National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation in the United States will grow the economy, will help make us a world leader in creating clean energy technologies, and will help to establish the United States as a leader in making the conversion to renewables a reality to help protect the planet.

Sincerely,

Bill Kampe
Mayor, City of Pacific Grove