

Dear Environment Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly

My name is Richard Hungaski. I am a resident of Newtown, CT.

I write to offer support to the pricing of carbon in Connecticut. Over 97% of scientists agree that climate change is real and human caused. Climate change has devastating consequences on the health and productivity of our communities: in Connecticut, elsewhere in the US, and in the world at large. Addressing climate change is a moral imperative and a prudent path.

Economists have repeatedly stated that pricing carbon is the most effective and efficient way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; it creates incentives for both individual and systemic changes. Over 75% of 1100 economists surveyed by NYU's Institute for Policy Integrity agree that putting a price on carbon is the most economically efficient way to reduce carbon pollution. I thank the Committee for their important work in starting the conversation on this pressing issue and urge the Committee to support carbon pricing.

I truly believe Connecticut can position itself as a leader in the global fight against climate change by supporting strong legislation that puts a price on carbon.

Best regards,

Rich Hungaski