

Dear Environment Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly,

My name is Lucy and I am a resident of New Haven, Connecticut.

I support the pricing of carbon dioxide in Connecticut because it is a pollutant and should be priced as such. World-renowned economists agree 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.

Climate change is real and human caused and is causing 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.

Thank the Committee for their important work in starting the conversation on this pressing issue and urge the Committee to support carbon pricing.

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

Thank you!

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