

To: Environment Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly

I am writing to express strong support for carbon pricing in Connecticut and specifically for House Bill 5363.

Climate change is already occurring. It is impacting the US - most obviously in sensitive regions like the Arctic, but also reflected in changes in extreme weather and flood risk in the rest of the country. It will have devastating consequences for developing countries - which we should be concerned about first and foremost for ethical reasons, but also because of their economic and national security implications.

But strong action will help us reduce the rate of warming, and could ameliorate these impacts. Carbon pricing is a measure that can gain broad bipartisan support, and it will be effective at limiting greenhouse gas emissions.

At a time when federal environmental action is stalled or even moving backwards, it is so important for the states to show leadership on this issue.

This bill gives Connecticut a chance to take effective action at the state level, and I urge you to support it.

Let's be on the right side of history on this one.

My best regards,

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