

My name is Cleo Sonneborn and I am a U.S. citizen and resident of Easton, CT. I am writing today to urge you to support H.B. No. 5363, a bill to help our greatly reduce carbon pollution.

I have read a copy of the proposed bill, and though carbon pricing seems complex, the approach in this bill is quite streamlined and clear, a pathway to addressing the global issue of climate change without a complicated regulatory system. I particularly like that the bill is revenue neutral, with carbon fees divided roughly evenly between households and employers. Such a plan reduces the chance of shocking or further damaging our economy, which we all know is delicate at this time.

We now know that climate change has devastating consequences on the health and productivity of our community, country and the world. I would love to see Connecticut join with other New England States to take a leadership role in working to reduce carbon emissions by stepping up to the plate and putting a price on carbons. Connecticut has signed on to work toward reaching target carbon reduction as outlined in the Paris Accord. It is now our moral and pragmatic imperative to act to reduce climate change. We need to put a price on CO2 emissions now!

I support H.B. No. 5363 in its revenue-neutral form (which should, I believe, yield strong bipartisan support).

Thank you for your time today, and especially, for starting the conversation on climate change. What we must do now is act!

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