

Dear Environment Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly

My name is Quyen Truong. I am a registered voter living in Hartford.

As a healthcare advocate, I care a lot about the environment. It is so important that we protect our communities' access to fresh air, local municipal water supply, and that we minimize our human impact on global climate change.

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.

Sincerely,  
Quyen Truong

“Education doesn’t change the world. Education changes people. People change the world.”  
-Paulo Freire