

Dear Environment Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly

My name is Richard Walser and I am a resident of Hamden, CT.

I am writing to you today to offer my support for House Bill 5363 which will help CT residents in their fight against climate change by putting a price on carbon based fuels. Most people agree, including scientists and economists, that a steadily rising price on carbon will be the most effective way to transition our economy away from fossil fuels to a clean energy future. This is a process that should have been started decades ago, as we are already seeing the effects of climate change around the world, and even here in Connecticut. We must not wait any longer to seriously focus on this issue.

From everything I've read, a steadily rising price on Carbon has broad public support on both sides of the political aisle, particularly because it takes advantage of market mechanisms rather than regulatory mechanisms. Additionally, I believe that Connecticut can and should be a national leader in the clean energy economy and passage of this bill will give a strong alert to the market that Connecticut is open for business when it comes to our country's energy future.

I hope that you in the committee will support this legislation and see it to passage.

Sincerely,

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