

**From:** Anne Dolivo <dolivoanne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 1:36 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Sept 21 Climate Action Commission comment

For the attention of the Climate Action Commission:

I thank you for organizing the “listening tour” which includes my hometown of Manchester.

Unfortunately I cannot attend the meeting in Manchester on September 21 but instead I submit my comment in advance.

I have already sent a similar opinion online and in letters to the editors of local and national papers. I feel very strongly that we need to aggressively invest money in resilient, green infrastructure ahead of the game rather than defensively pour billions into repairs after the fact of a catastrophic weather event, which - let’s face it - will happen more frequently the less we act on climate change.

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma are unnatural disasters. The connection between climate change and the impact of these and other catastrophic weather events is irrefutable. July 2017 was the hottest month ever measured on earth, raising the temperature of the Gulf of Mexico and the Atlantic, and making these hurricanes stronger and more devastating. A part of supporting impacted people means getting serious about why storms like Harvey, Irma, Sandy, and Katrina, and other weather extremes, such as the forest fires out west, continue to happen with increasing intensity.

Denying climate change puts people in harm’s way. In addition to the impact that the floodwaters have caused in Houston and elsewhere, damaged oil refineries are spewing toxic fumes into communities, and public health is at risk. Unless we take steps to keep fossil fuels in the ground and plan for a changing world, more people will lose their homes or their lives.

It’s time for our nation's political leaders -- in Washington and in our state capitols -- to swiftly advance policies that will slash global warming pollution and better prepare and protect all Americans from future storms. We owe it to the victims of Hurricane Harvey, and to millions more who will suffer from storms like it in the future. Let's build a world where families can live free from the fear of climate chaos.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Anne D’Olivo

Earth Matters founder

A subcommittee of MoveOn Manchester

**From:** Steve Davis <w2sgd@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 12:06 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Fw: One Sandy survivor's story

----- Forwarded Message -----  
From: "Beta Coronel - 350.org" <350@350.org>  
To: "Stephen Davis" <w2sgd@juno.com>  
Subject: One Sandy survivor's story  
Date: Thu, 28 Sep 2017 18:37:53 +0000

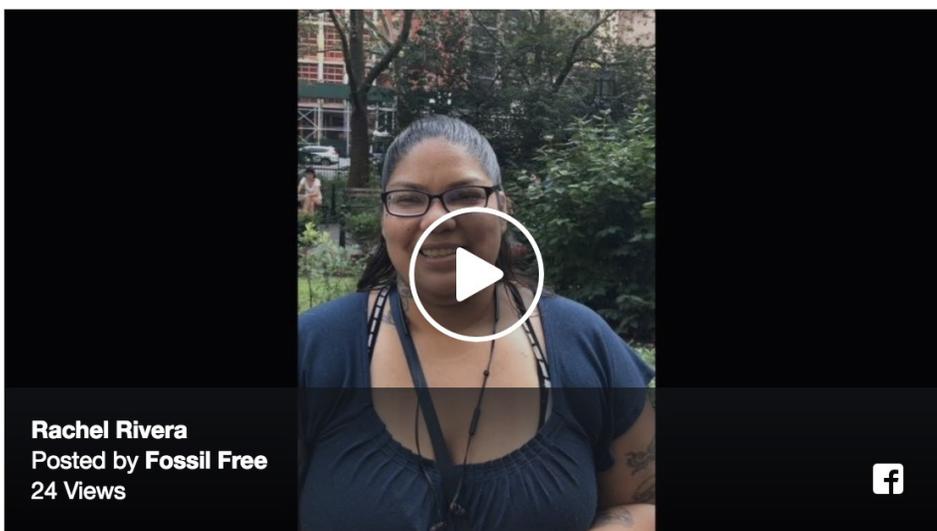
Friends,

I'm proud to share the story of Rachel Rivera, a lifetime resident of Brooklyn and a member of New York Communities for Change. Her family survived Superstorm Sandy five years ago, and the experience was so traumatic that her daughter still cries when it starts to rain.

People all over New York City are [pledging to march for climate action on October 28](#). Five years after Hurricane Sandy, we need to show our elected officials that we will not tolerate lip service on climate while extreme weather ravages our homes, not after so many people's lives have already been impacted.

Today, with family in Puerto Rico currently going through Hurricane Maria, Rachel is still living through the impacts of climate change and the consequences of our elected officials' inaction.

[Watch Rachel's story here:](#)



Rachel is marching because we can't wait any longer. [Stand with her and RSVP for the #Sandy5 Mobilization on October 28th.](#)

Thank you,

Beta Coronel

P.S. There's still plenty you can do for people who are suffering Puerto Rico - if you're able, [donate to frontline-led recovery efforts](#).

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**From:** Hannah Huber <hannahhuber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 9:46 AM  
**To:** Walke, Peter; ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Thank you, Peter, for this answer and context.

Hannah

On Mon, Oct 2, 2017 at 12:39 PM Walke, Peter <[Peter.Walke@vermont.gov](mailto:Peter.Walke@vermont.gov)> wrote:

Hannah,

Thank you for your inquiry. There is no due date. We will keep the submission open throughout the process. That said, the commission will begin delving into different ideas beginning on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks,

Peter

**From:** Hannah Huber [mailto:[hannahhuber@gmail.com](mailto:hannahhuber@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2017 12:31 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC <[ANR.VCAC@vermont.gov](mailto:ANR.VCAC@vermont.gov)>  
**Subject:** Question

Hello,

I would like to know when is the deadline for comments via your web-based form in order to be considered along with the rest of the in-person comments you've received?

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**From:** Gary Santy <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 7:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Work w/ the Governor not attack him!

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Perhaps this group should do their own listening to what the Governor is saying!!!!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Erik Phillips-Nania <ephillie@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Walke, Peter; ANR - VCAC

Dear VCAC & Peter,

First, I would like to propose that the Commission take into consideration: (1) all of the other (33) [State Action Plans](#), and (2) [Drawdown: The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming](#) by Paul Hawking (Apr 2017) because it identifies "blind spots" such as three of the most important solutions: (i) **refrigerant management** (and the *Kigali Accord*), (ii) plant-rich diet, and (iii) educating girls and family planning -- issues that are often overlooked. These three issues represent, in combination, up to 350 Gt of GHGs that can be reduced by the global community, and with significant co-benefits.

Second, I would like to apply for membership of the Technical Advisory Group. I have read all of the material on the Vermont Climate Commission website. I have specialized in climate solutions in my academic and professional career, earning a Bachelor's *summa cum laude* from CU Boulder in 2007, for an honors thesis on climate change; helping create the nation's first carbon tax in Boulder (2007), and, most importantly, I have published the first book, [Climate Change Yoga](#), on the application of traditional knowledge (TK) to climate change.

I would like to be part of the TAG based on my expertise of Traditional Knowledge (TK), which refers to indigenous ways of knowing that has been developed over thousands of years. It's a perspective that perceives the Earth as sacred and conscious, and sees the climate crisis as a crisis of consciousness. The TK literature is "grey literature" outside the scientific, peer-reviewed literature being considered by the Commission. The IPCC says that Traditional Knowledge "may prove useful for understanding the potential of certain adaptation strategies that are cost-effective, participatory, and sustainable." TK is an environmentally sound technology (EST) that can help sequester many gigatons of carbon dioxide and Vermont could become a leader in developing this capacity.

Sincerely,

Erik Phillips-Nania

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Burke, VT

Former United Nations Attorney (UNHCR) in Burlington, VT. (2013)

JD & MELP, Vermont Law School, *cum laude* (2012)

BA, Environmental Policy, CU Boulder, *summa cum laude* (2007)

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Author, *Climate Change Yoga: A Mystical Worldview & Practice for Significant Carbon Biosequestration and the Spiritual Geoengineering Alternative to Revitalize Earth* (2017).

**From:** Ryan Miller <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 8:01 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

<http://www.geoengineeringwatch.org/>

Unless you incorporate this proven reality into this discussion you are wasting our time and yours.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Francine Hughes &t;bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We all must take huge risks in order to create a truly just and life-sustaining society.

Read BEING THE CHANGE as it maps the first important leaps on this journey, describing real life examples of the good life that awaits us beyond capitalism, species-extinction, economic injustice, and fossil fuel addiction. There is a need for wealth redistribution and racial justice in the climate revolution. We must act!

Sincerely,  
Francine Hughes

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:54 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

[A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

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**Recommendation 1**

Testing Respect. Protect. Enjoy. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources promotes the sustainable use of Vermont's natural resources, protects and improves the health of Vermont's peoples and ecosystems, and promotes sustainable outdoor recreation.

**Recommendation 2**

Testing The Agency of Natural Resources and our three departments rely on the assistance of Citizen Scientists to enhance our mission of effective and well-informed, environmental stewardship. We need your help! Read more about Citizen Scientist volunteer and participation opportunities, and educational opportunities.

**Recommendation 3**

Testing Did you know that organic matter (such as food scraps and leaf and brush debris) makes up about 28% of household waste? When this material decomposes in landfills, it emits methane, a greenhouse gas that is 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide. Preventing organic materials from entering the landfill not only saves limited landfill space, it also reduces the emissions of methane while enabling us to recapture the nutrient value of the material.

**Other Considerations**

Testing The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department (F&W) is one of three departments that make up the Agency of Natural Resources. F&W exists to conserve the fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the people of Vermont. It meets these goals by providing a broad range of services to the public, including wildlife management, fisheries management, law enforcement, search and rescue, threatened and endangered species monitoring and restoration, habitat conservation, and educational programs for hunters, anglers, young people and teachers.

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 15, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

## [A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

**First Name:** Rebecca  
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### Recommendation 1

Recommendation #1 Put a price on carbon pollution. Use the Pigouvian model of taxation, which states that behaviors that cost society should be taxed to recoup such losses. Account for perverse incentives—you don't want to use carbon prices to pave roads or fund medical care, since the system would then depend on further carbon emissions to support needed services. Instead, clearly identify the goals of the tax: in the case of carbon pricing, the goal is to 1. Reduce carbon emissions 2. make it expensive to burn carbon and 3. reward behaviors that reduce emissions or reduce CO2 levels. To make this work, use tax funds to secure good active transportation that includes bikepaths, sidewalks, busses and trains. By offering meaningful public transportation that allows citizens to commute without the need of a single occupancy vehicle, regressive taxation is less likely to affect lower income people adversely.

### Recommendation 2

Merge health and transportation interests. Create an active public transportation system that removes safety and access barriers so that people can walk and bike as part of their daily commutes. Even using busses and trains have been shown to improve peoples' fitness, since there are more opportunities to walk or bike to and from bus stops and train stations. By doing so, medical costs will decrease. Consider the following statistics: Vermont has a 25% obesity rate, up from 17% in 2000; our medical costs have also risen, from 1 Billion in 2000 to almost 6 billion dollars today. It has been proven that for every dollar spent on meaningful medical prevention, 5.6\$ is saved (<https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/pdf/2009-power-of-prevention.pdf>). An active transportation system would pay for itself quickly. It would also attract tourism, and would bring forward thinking people to the state.

### Recommendation 3

Include the human body in your calculations and considerations. What is the purpose, after all, of all of these plans if not to improve the environment and communities for people? Our bodies need safe, clean, connected neighborhoods and cities in which to work, play and thrive. Health must be one of the primary considerations in any climate change plans. Climate change has an enormous impact on our health; and, factors that improve our health also mitigate climate change.

### Other Considerations

Make connections with community volunteers. I am a member of several transportation advocacy groups, including a coalition forming in Brattleboro. We are a diverse group which includes health professionals, teachers, and other engaged citizens who have been working tirelessly to solve the triple crises of healthcare, climate change and social justice. If you would like to reach out to us you may contact me at [rmjo@rcn.com](mailto:rmjo@rcn.com)

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**From:** Rhiannon Woolwich-Holzman <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 14, 2017 9:40 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 14, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Vermonters want to reduce climate change on a global scale, as well as a local one.

They want to be part of this reduction by transitioning to affordable and efficient clean energy solutions, but they need help doing this.

This will save them money, and at the same time, reduce the pace of climate change globally and locally, which will affect all areas of health and welfare for humans and animals.

The time has come.

The time is NOW.

Please recommend a price on carbon pollution, and put that money where it belongs -- in the hands of Vermonters.

In addition to all the benefits cited above, this action will incent the gas and oil giants to transition to alternative forms of energy.

It's a win-win.

The time has come.

The time is NOW.

As global disasters are happening around the world, as well as in VT that are KNOWN to be the result(s) of climate change, it is, frankly, negligent to ignore the importance of this.

Be a leader.

Make the change.

Pass the law.

Thanks you.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 13, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

A CARBON POLLUTION TAX ON FOSSIL FUEL COMPANIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR GLOBAL WARMING POLLUTION, IS NEEDED.  
GLOBAL WARMING IS REAL. A TAX ON POLLUTERS RAISES VERMONTERS' INCOMES.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon tax

Oct 13, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please avoid the knee-jerk platitude of "no new taxes." A revenue neutral carbon tax could LOWER taxes elsewhere (such as on income or sales) while making important strides in combatting a future climate crisis. Politicians tend to take the SHORT term view. But it is vital that an along-term view be taken when it comes to climate change. A Carbon tax is the LEAST that can be done right away. PLEASE think of our children and grand children!

Sincerely, Terrill Bouricius

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 13, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Pollution is a major problem in today's world. When fossil fuels were first used there was no problem because the human population of the Earth was quite small. But times have changed and the population of humans has increased substantially and thus the amount of fossil fuels being used. Burning fossil fuels emits carbon dioxide which is now becoming a blanket around our home world and threatens to keep heat from radiating back into space thus warming the surface of our planet changing its climate. There has already been signs of this happening recently with the powerful hurricanes that have swept death and destruction throughout the Caribbean and southeastern U.S. Here in Vermont we experience climate change by way of erratic weather patterns causing extreme fluctuations in temperature, changing normal seasonal patterns. So we can either sit back and do nothing until it's too late or we can take actions to discourage the use of harmful fossil fuels in favor of renewable energy such as solar and wind. I recommend taxing oil and natural gas and coal and using that revenue to subsidize development of clean, renewable energy projects. There will be loud and angry protests from those companies burning fossil fuels, but it would be much worse if we delay taking action to minimize the threat of a runaway greenhouse climate. It takes courage to do the right thing, but once you commissioners have taken that vital step you will all feel better for having done the right thing to protect future generations from a hostile climate. Implement a carbon tax!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lauren Waite &t;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 13, 2017 8:37 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** As a grandmother I cannot...

Oct 13, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As a grandmother I cannot accept that there is nothing we can do to arrest the climate change spiral we have created over the past several decades. I cannot standby so that my grandchildren and all the other young inhabitants of our Earth come of age while our planet becomes increasingly uninhabitable. While it is possible that we are on a path that cannot be turned around or slowed, I cannot accept that.

I urge you to make the hard choices that ensure a future for our planet. The kind of commitment we need and you have the opportunity to effect starts with individual responsibility but must also include community responsibility, state responsibility, country responsibility, and world responsibility. Specifically, we all (individuals, corporations, governments) need to recognize and take responsibility for the ways we are affecting our environment. When one buys a laptop, part of that cost should include properly and safely disposing of the laptop when it is no longer needed. When one drives a car, part of the cost of using that car is the carbon it emits and the car owner needs to be responsible for that part of the cost of driving a car. Carbon pollution is created by many entities, but the cost of those emissions needs to be paid by those benefiting from whatever is producing the carbon.

I understand that a carbon tax is complicated and many will argue that enacting this tax will restrict business. What I don't understand is that that cost of carbon emissions exists -- either those who are responsible for the emissions pay (as in through a tax) or the rest of us do -- either by having to live in an increasingly polluted environment or using our taxes to "clean up" after industry that has benefited but paid for the pollution that resulted. Carbon emissions exist and must be taken care of unless we accept continued and increased detriment to our environment. On the positive side revenues from a carbon tax can be used to decrease carbon emissions in ways that have already proven to be effective and financially beneficial for Vermonters (e.g, Efficiency VT).

Please consider not just your life span but how we leave our planet to the next generations. Some say it is already too late. We don't know, but if it isn't, let's not squander the opportunity we have to leave the world healthier than it is now.

Thank you for considering.

Lauren Waite

Sincerely,

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**From:** Dave Cohen <dave@vbikesolutions.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2017 9:54 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Re: Climate Change Actions Committee Recommendations Regarding New Bike Technologies & Design

Hello Vermont Climate Action Committee,

We'd love to know if you received our recommendations and if there are any questions or clarifications you may need.

We are asking this because we've submitted recommendations to other related Vermont committees, panels and projects, only to find out that our ideas weren't in the slightest way considered due to a lack of familiarity with new concepts, innovations, technologies and design advances in bicycle transportation. We also believe there is a bias to easily write off bike-related solutions in Vermont because of our state's rather undeveloped bike transportation culture (except for the Burlington area) and the fact that bikes have been historically viewed here as fitness devices, recreational equipment or children's toys rather than serious, sustainable alternatives to fossil fuel burning vehicles.

We hope you can take a serious look at what VBike offers Vermont and that together we can move the state towards prioritizing human-power and hybrid human-electric powered vehicles that are great for our bodies, communities and environment and that can help propel us beyond merely reinventing the hyper-motorized model we currently have.

Looking forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Dave Cohen

VBike Director



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On Fri, Oct 6, 2017 at 10:24 AM, Dave Cohen <[dave@vbikesolutions.org](mailto:dave@vbikesolutions.org)> wrote:

Dear Climate Change Action Commission,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments towards your important work in guiding and advising the state around Vermont's response to climate change.

My main recommendations here to the committee focus on my work as the director of VBike ([www.vbikesolutions.org](http://www.vbikesolutions.org)). For the past three years VBike has been busy introducing Vermont to new bike technologies and designs that make bicycle transportation far more viable, practical and enjoyable. We've made significant strides in updating Vermont's outdated vision of the bike, but so much more can be accomplished with the help of the state.

During the past decade and especially over the past 5 years, there has been a creative explosion in electric-assist bikes, e-assist conversion kits (that can turn any bike into an e-bike), cargo bikes, and a variety of designs and innovations that are revolutionizing the idea of what a bike can do and how it can transport us. Like traditional bikes, these vehicles harness the energy of a human being, but may also include a substantial and expanded hauling capacity and combine this with the supplementary power of an electric-assist system so that a person can use a bike to transport passengers (children & adults), move loads, or just perform the daily local errands with profoundly greater ease. These exciting innovations are readily available and on the market. And just as important as this, they are now being sold at an increasing number of bike shops throughout the nation. This is radically transforming the nature of bike transport and having a major impact on cities and towns throughout the United States and abroad.

We encourage the state to get fully behind these new bike innovations to authentically address climate change. In fact, the promotion of these new bike designs and technologies in Vermont might very well have a greater impact on reducing carbon emissions than the promotion and proliferation of electric cars. Electric cars will continue to require much of the same infrastructure, still demand massive energy inputs, continue to drive unsustainable development and wasteful land use, further promote sedentary lifestyles, and continue the marginalization of other more environmentally sensible and community friendly transportation options. Conversely, electric bicycles can help transform our towns and cities into bike and pedestrian friendly environments, reduce automobile dependence, promote local living, inspire far more sensible community planning, make our streets safer, have tremendous physical and mental health benefits, and dramatically lower the energy requirement for personal and household transportation.

Incidentally, with the help of VBike, Brattleboro has emerged as a leader in these bike innovations. Not only are there more e-bike and e-cargo bike riders here than in any other part of the state, but the bike shops in town have become a model for shops around Vermont for their expertise in installing e-assist conversion kits, stocking high quality and affordable e-bikes, e-cargobikes and e-trikes, providing e-bike customization services, and developing skills to maintain and repair e-assist systems. For this level of know-how to grow and to have a much greater availability of bicycle innovations to take root around the state much more needs to be done.

Here are some of VBike's recommendations for the Vermont Climate Change Action Committee to bring to Governor Scott and the state legislature:

- 1) Offer significant subsidies for the purchase of electric bikes and conversion kits with an emphasis on making these bikes affordable for lower income households
- 2) Sales tax relief for the purchase of e-assist bikes for a period of time to help jumpstart the adoption of e-bikes
- 3) Help fund training programs for bikes shops to help them to retool and reskill their businesses to become full service

centers for electric-assist technologies & new bike designs

4) Help fund the establishment of demo fleets statewide of e-bikes, e-cargo bikes, e-trikes and other hybrid human-electric car-like vehicles such as the [PEBL](#) and [ELF](#)

5) Support a carbon tax to fund these programs.

Again, thank you for this opportunity to make these comments and recommendations. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely

Dave Cohen

VBike Director



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**From:** Judi Macdonald <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 12, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It makes good climate sense to put a tax on fossil fuels.

Please Governor move forward with this sound idea.

Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 12, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Pollution costs each one of us over time. The expense is not always evident, or easy to comprehend, but it is there. As we watch our natural resources diminish in quality our lives are effected both in quality of life and our pocketbooks. We no longer feel the beauty of our environment as we used to, we pay more for goods produced with dwindling resources of lesser quality. Our minds often put this away in order to maintain day to day process of living. The costs are there and it is time to collect. Make polluters pay for their contribution to this downfall. Use the money to improve our environment, our quality of life, and the quality of goods and services produces in this beautiful state that relies so much on its environment. To do otherwise is to ignore reality.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 12, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

After this devastating season of wild fires, hurricanes and earthquakes it's time to stop the ridiculous talk of the cost of containing climate change. The cost of NOT decreasing the speed in which our earth warms is too horrible to consider. The carbon tax plan proposed by Energy Efficient Vermont is both fair and manageable. The example of our Brave Little State may help to spur more states to tackle the real issues of climate change and what can successfully be done at the local level. We owe it to our grandkids.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Hello,

I'm writing to ask you to recommend putting a price on carbon pollution. We know that carbon emissions are at the root of climate change, that managing climate change will be expensive for Vermont and Vermonters, and that a price on carbon pollution helps to both discourage that pollution and pay for its remediation.

It's that simple. Please help the state move in the right direction to address climate change.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governon Scott,

Your support of the Paris Agreement and willingness to distance yourself from President Trump demonstrates your independence from rigid ideological driven positions. Thank you. You are faced with a loss of income from the federal government, a loss of environmental necessary support from the EPA and you want to fight climate change in Vermont. If you support a carbon tax on the fuel companies, you can replace some of the money you need for your budget, which will encourage recycled energy solutions in the marketplace and by individuals and put some of that money in specific projects to support your goals. I support you to go for a carbon tax.

Best wisher, Carl Bayer, Ryegate

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I work with K-8 students on everyday practices and habits that will help us with climate resilience. They learn the daily systems that will help us with resource recovery (less consumption of non-renewable resources, universal recycling (including onsite composting if cafeteria food scraps), thinking about energy used and saved.

We help them connect the dots. They feel empowered to help through daily choices. They NEED adults to demonstrate stewardship of earths resources. The economics of energy and climate resilience are completely enmeshed. Let's model incentives for renewable energy through CARBON TAX. We need this traction to make the urgent changes that are needed; business can't go on as usual!

Abby Foulk  
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Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 12:33 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott,

Although I did not vote for you, I have found you to be very fair and open minded to the plight of Vermonters. In the case of climate justice, I have found you to be the same. I hope you will continue in this thoughtful vein as the subject of a carbon tax arises. Some say we cannot afford this. I say, we cannot afford not to have one. How can we put a price on the future of the planet and our children's children's children's future? We owe it to them to try everything in our power to cut down on carbon emissions which cause such harm to the ozone layer of our dear planet, I do not like to think of my great -grandchildren being in the same situation as Polar Bears are now- on thin ice with nowhere to go.

Thanks for listening. I pray you will make the right choice.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Gov Scott: Six years ago my family and I moved from Chicago to Vermont. We bought land here. We built a home here. Our son is being educated here. The reason we moved here and brought our spending power here was because of the natural beauty of the state. We want that beauty preserved and we want Vermont to be a leader, not a follower, in supporting and implementing clean energy solutions. That is wise use of tax dollar now and for my son's generation. Vermont can and should reap the economic benefits of transitioning to clean energy. It's a win for the state.

I recently returned from the country of Chile, which is investing heavily in solar energy. It's becoming the "Saudi Arabia" of solar energy in South America and will be a net exported of clean energy in 10-20 years. It's been an economic boon for Chile, which sees the light (or should I say "sunlight").

Don't let Vermont stay in the dark ages of fossil fuels. If you really want to spur economic activity, be a leader in clean energy. Thanks.

William Graham

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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#### Recommendation 1

I appreciate the formation of this commission, at least insofar as there is no anthropogenic global warning and climate disruption denialism. However, I am disturbed by the ad hoc and rather arbitrary formation of the commission by executive order and its limited, short term mandate. I would recommend that the commission be re-founded by a legislative mandate next year, on a bi-, tri-, non-partisan basis, with a suitable, if modest budget, and a broad on-going mandate for open-ended public inquiry, with full citizen participation, into this urgent and vexing set of problems, which won't be going away anytime soon. (NDCAP for dealing with Vermont Yankee would be a partial model). Vermont happens to be 1 of 2 states that entered the federal union as an independent republic. (The other one is Texas, for which no further comment is needed). Yes, we're just a small slice of the world in dealing with this global issue, but we have unique resources on accordance with our republican traditions for drawing on the capacities of the public, not just as self-interested parties, but as citizens and inhabitants of this planet concerned with the commonweal. Though we can't have a large physical effect in dealing with such a global problem, drawing on our best traditions, we can do our fair share and set an example for others in terms of public courage and tolerance. Also, I would like to object to any implication in the executive order founding this commission that there is any trade-off between mitigating measures with respect to AGW&CD and economic growth or well-being, (especially if one fails to factor in the potential or likely costs of future damages). This matter is indeterminate, since we simply don't know what innovations and opportunities might be in the offing and which economic interests might be "winners" or "losers" and what the overall effects might be for the overall economy. Which is another reason for re-founding this commission on a more permanent basis.

#### Recommendation 2

#### Recommendation 3

#### Other Considerations

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 10, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need clean energy solutions.

Sincerely,

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**First Name:** Peter  
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**Recommendation 1**

Climate, as well as soil health and watershed function, are truly complex and interconnected issues, and none of us know what works on a broad scale. The best thing the Climate Action Commission could do would be to help develop a shared, participatory, open-source intelligence and understanding of what works to improve soil health and watershed function, which are the foundation of our economy. For example, help ANR set up an open map for citizens and conservation districts to record water infiltration measurements on land all over the state, to be updated periodically to see change over time. Unlike many strategies that will erode trust (and pit urban against farmers), this one will grow it. What we measure, we will likely improve. With a well-developed shared intelligence, local governments and watershed groups could even hire farmers to grow deep-topsoil watersheds and clean water, and reduce taxpayers' expenses for infrastructure repair and emergencies. There are nonprofit organizations such as the Soil Carbon Coalition that could help with this.

**Recommendation 2**

Fund a volunteer Land Listeners program through UVM Extension, on the model of Master Gardeners. Land Listeners would help grow a shared, participatory understanding (local situation and trend) on soil health, watershed function, and climate resilience.

**Recommendation 3**

**Other Considerations**

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 10, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am one of many, many Vermonters who support a tax on carbon pollution. This is actually much more affordable (by returning the money to Vermonters) than the cost we are paying now in environmental degradation. I don't buy the argument that our footprint as a state is too small to matter in the big picture. Per capita we expend far more energy than other states that have more robust public transportation options. We need to put a price on carbon pollution. We are sending a strong message to you about this. Please don't be like the governor and ignore us. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Okay, it is time to make it happen: put a price on carbon pollution.  
There is no way around it, this is what we have to do. Let Vermont be the leader!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please prioritize action on climate change- we are a small state, but we can lead the way on this. We need to put a price on carbon to curb pollution and encourage decisions and actions that are good for our earth and discourage those that harm it. Thank you- please act for our children and future- use your power to fight for our kids' environment.

Sincerely,

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### **Recommendation 1**

Take a close and serious look at carbon pricing! Aside from its environmental benefits, economic analyses predict that it would have substantial economic benefits. Don't let sound bites keep you from giving this serious, rational consideration -- the stakes are too high!

### **Recommendation 2**

Investigate how this UK program is structured, to see if a version of it could work in Vermont: <https://inhabitat.com/uk-government-to-install-solar-on-800000-low-income-houses/>?

### **Recommendation 3**

Vermont has good energy codes for buildings, but most towns don't have the staff to enforce them. Let's figure out how to fix this!  
<https://insideclimatenews.org/news/21092017/energy-efficiency-city-buildings-code-enforcement-new-york-seattle-washington-climate-change>

### **Other Considerations**

First, a comment: as a resident of the Upper Valley, I was disappointed that you didn't schedule a session at a Windsor County location! You could at least have set up interactive TV sessions. Use VW settlement money to further develop EV infrastructure. Recognize the urgency of action on this issue -- no more talking and dawdling!

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I urge the Climate Commission to push for a carbon tax. This is a proven way to reduce carbon emissions while transitioning to fossil-free energy.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Susan Riggen

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We are not a Wind state but we are a Solar and Hydro state . No nukes either. We need a carbon tax to incentivize our growth of decentralized residential and commercial rooftop solar.

Sincerely,

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**Recommendation 1**

Vermont should institute a carbon pollution tax, specifically a fee and dividend model that would tax the carbon emissions of fossil fuel companies at the extraction and distribution level. This is my one and only recommendation above all other solutions. It must be done immediately. Vermont must lead the nation. I moved to this state because Vermonters do things right when it comes to tackling climate change and protecting our natural places.

**Recommendation 2**

**Recommendation 3**

**Other Considerations**

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**Subject:** Energy Independent Vermont recommendation to the Vermont Climate Action Commission  
**Attachments:** 27 Reasons to Price Carbon Pollution 10.09.17.pdf

Dear Vermont Climate Action Commissioners,

Thank you for your service, and thank you for allowing more than 100 Vermonters the opportunity to share their support for a price on carbon pollution at public scoping sessions over the last month. At least 64% of the comments you heard favored this common sense policy, and the wisdom of that recommendation was reaffirmed this morning as the Nobel Prize for Economics was awarded to behavioral economists Richard Thaler whose work also supports carbon pricing.

Attached are some further reasons to consider this solution. There is a section for each of the agencies or sectors of the economy that you collectively represent, plus some additional sectors that should be included (health care, economics, Vermonters of faith, etc.) in your consideration.

You may also find the Additional References section at the end particularly helpful as you explore options that are commensurate with the climate crisis.

If you have questions about the attached or about carbon pollution pricing in general, the staff and supporters of Energy Independent Vermont would be happy to assist you in your work.

Sincerely,

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**Recommendation 1**

The state's Comprehensive Energy Plan is being used through the Regional Planning Commissions to curtail the development of large-scale, cost effective renewable energy projects. This is completely contrary to the broader intention of the CEP, and should be stopped.

**Recommendation 2**

The Brattleboro Energy Committee has developed a Downtown Brattleboro Building Energy Program. This will be a two-year publicity campaign to help building owners undertake major energy renovations and install renewable energy systems. We need financial support to launch the program and organizational support from state agencies.

**Recommendation 3**

Increase the size of group net metered projects beyond 500 kW to 2-5 MW. This will reduce the cost of adopting off-site renewable energy for residents, businesses and organizations, as so amply demonstrated at the Windham Regional Solid Waste Districts landfill solar project. Use the CPG permitting process to assess issues regarding such projects and the potential for excess electrical transmission issues.

**Other Considerations**

Create alternatives to the growth-based economy.

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Gov's Commission on Climate Action

I wasn't able to attend a public hearing, so I would like the commission to know that I am in favor of the VNRC's top recommendations. I also feel the Governor needs to listen to the public when it comes to considering a carbon pollution tax. I'm sorry I have simply cut and pasted here the VNRC recommendations, but I totally agree with them and would like the Commission to know that. I hope this is helpful that I've written, despite not using my own words.

Here are VNRC's top four recommendations that I agree with and want to see implemented:

- **Prioritize building a clean energy workforce**, including training and recruitment and incentive programs to build this growing and essential sector of Vermont's economy.
- **Make smart investments with the \$18.7 million Environmental Mitigation Trust funds that the state will receive as part of the Volkswagen diesel emission settlement.** The state should invest in the most impactful greenhouse gas and public health-benefitting strategies possible – not “clean” diesel. Investments could include solutions such as electrifying bus fleets and more.
- **Put a price on carbon pollution** because it's the most effective and efficient way to reduce fossil fuel consumption and reduce taxes on other things that Vermonters value, like income, property or sales. A well-crafted carbon pollution tax – one that protects and supports low and middle income earners in particular – could reap significant environmental and economic benefits for Vermont.
- **Maintain and strengthen policies that support a smart, strategic and inclusive transition to clean energy.** Recent policies to support include: The 2015 Renewable Portfolio Standard and its cost- and climate pollution-cutting “Tier 3” energy transformation requirement as well as the Comprehensive Energy Planning underway via Act 174, where municipalities and regions are helping outline how they want to see the 90% renewable energy by 2050 goal implemented in their communities.

Thank you.

Kathleen White

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Good morning Governor Scott,

Please support a price on carbon pollution and help to create the necessary legislation to make this possible. There is a heavy, yet hidden, cost for those things that we throw away on a daily basis... both of what we can't and can see. We need to take into consideration that daily cost and we need to hold everyone responsible for their use, both the companies and the consumers.

Thank you for your attention and hopefully your support.

Jerome Milks

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Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am willing to pay for my carbon.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

In an economy such as ours, the key question is how to harness market forces in order to drastically reduce green house gas emissions. One of the best ways to do that is to tax carbon. It isn't the only part of a sound strategy, but is an important part of such a strategy (using the tax dollars to prevent potentially undesirable consequences of such a tax is another).

It's time to take action and to do so in a way that's savvy.

Terence Cuneo

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Vermont needs to lead the way on this topic. Stop wasting time and help this state be the catalyst for the Climate Change Economy!!!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support having a revenue neutral carbon tax in the vein of what Economist Yoram Bauman described at the 2016 REV conference.

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/05/opinion/a-carbon-tax-sensible-for-all.html>

Thank you for your support of our climate.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Its time to make people responsible for there carbon footprint.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Please Consider: Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

To my knowledge, there is not sufficient evidence to support Gov. Scott's claim that *any* carbon tax policy would be detrimental to Vermont. Given the dire environmental and economic time in which we live, I would like to ask the Commission to not discard any idea (carbon tax or otherwise) that may have the potential for significant, positive, much-needed change.

I am a proponent of putting a price on carbon pollution. I am also, like most other people, deeply concerned about the well-being of low and middle-income Vermonters, as well as the general economic state of Vermont. I have seen the research that shows carbon taxes can work, especially in places like Vermont where we don't produce fossil fuels; that said, I do not believe any old carbon tax policy would be beneficial, and I do understand the complexities of undertaking such a policy. But to say no without considering the options seems simply foolish.

I, and everyone else in my generation and beyond, are counting on folks such as yourselves to accept the challenge of climate change and make hard decisions. Vermont is a leader, and a partner. We're all in this together, and we need everyone to act.

Thank you for serving on this important committee, and taking the time to listen to the concerns of citizens.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Stop supporting giant fossil fuel energy companies, institute a common sense carbon pricing system, and help Vermont transition to clean and more local energy.

Thanks. We're depending on you to help protect our future.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Given the climate, both politically and ecologically, it's imperative that all steps to reduce the impact of fossil fuels be implemented without reserve. Furthermore, I would counter the conjecture that such a tax would inhibit economic interests; in fact, I see such actions as welcoming more "green" companies and job creators to the state, being that such laws would be both a benefit and a draw for them, thus growing Vermont's economy. The more we can engage in actions that reduce pollution, the more we can display our commitment to, and accountability for, decreasing our carbon footprint.

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Commission,

While you may not get the attention due you, your work is of inestimable importance.

Future generations will look back and say "thank goodness some one did something in time."

'Thank you for your efforts.

~~~~~ Jim Ludwig Tunbridge

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Do you have the vision to see a healthy environment for your family?  
Do you want to have access to clean air, healthy food, safe drinking water and still to be warm/cool in your home and have transportation?

We must think bigger than this moment.

Let's use tax money on these dark fuels to create education and jobs that will improve, not pollute our beloved state.  
Let's move into the 21st century with a new vision.

California's Elon Musk of Tesla and solar roofs cannot be the only progressive thinker making money off of new ideas. We can do it too!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Climate Action Commission Public Hearing Manchester, Vermont September 21, 2017

Hi, My name is Bill Thwing, I live in Bennington ...where my wife and I are members of Bennington Climate Advocates which is a node of 350.org. I am also a member of the Citizen's Climate Lobby which is based in Burlington.

We want to thank Governor Scott and the members of the Climate Action Commission for coming here to Southern Vermont to listen to our concerns.

Although I presented this at the hearing, I was cut off in the middle of my presentation at 2 minutes and was unable to finish. therefore, I am submitting my full testimony here .

We are here to affirm unequivocally that Climate Change is very real, and that it is going to have profound and lasting effects upon our

state, our nation and indeed upon our entire civilization. Six years ago, Vermont experienced the wrath of hurricanes Irene and Lee. Some of the damages of those storms have still not yet been repaired. That little storm cost Vermont 733 million dollars to repair and cost the nation \$15.8 billion. The storms that we are currently experiencing at this very moment, - Harvey, Irma, Jose and Marie which are said to be some of the largest storms in recorded history are estimated to cost the nation 300 billion to repair.

It's not going to get any better. Every year the storms are going to get bigger, more destructive and more costly to repair until we get serious as a nation and as a state about responding to the threats of Climate change ...decisively.

Looking South.....At the hurricane response of states like Texas and

Florida: Vermont needs to be prepared to deal with the extreme weather events that are surely coming in the next few years. We need to have a plan and citizen first responders who are knowledgeable of the plan and are prepared and equipped to implement the plan when extreme weather events besiege us.

Looking to the North....we see a whole different kind of solution....a preventative solution, an economic solution, a multi trillion dollar...

clean technology adoptive solution and clear path to getting rid of the polluting carbon based fuels that are causing these extreme weather events and then moving forwards towards....a totally non-polluting, clean fuels based electrification of the national grid.

I lived in Canada for many years - both in Alberta and in British Columbia. In 2008, British Columbia, where I went to school, took a bold step and enacted a progressive revenue neutral carbon pollution fee and dividend "tax." It has been praised as the most significant carbon tax in the Western Hemisphere. It has transformed the economy of British Columbia. As of 2012, it was frozen at \$30/ ton of carbon equivalent emissions. As of this coming April, British Columbia will be adding \$5/year to the tax until it reaches \$50.00/ton in 2021. It has enabled British Columbia to economically out-perform every other Canadian Province since its inception in 2008 It has reduced British Columbia's carbon emissions dramatically since 2008(16% as of 2014 while Canada's rose 3% during the same period) And, thru their climate action tax credit system, it has insured that low and middle income families in British Columbia have benefitted from the transition to a clean energy economy. It has also provided an example of what is possible to all of Canada and North America. Ass of 2018, 100 % of Canadian Provinces will have a revenue neutral carbon tax floor price of at least \$10/ton.

It may not be the final solution to accelerating climate change but it is a huge step in that direction and once implemented and fine-tuned offered a logistical platform of raising the revenues essential to deal decisively not only with climate change but with many other problems of

state. All things are possible for those who are willing to take risks in dangerous times.

We urge Governor Scott and the Climate Action Commission to look both North and South for solutions to dangerously

escalating Climate Change and the extreme weather events which will inevitably accompany it. If small and nimble state like Vermont is willing to take the initiative, and set the example, we believe that there now is a growing bipartisan "Climate Solutions Caucus" in the US Congress that will be urging the rest of the nation to follow suit.

We support and strongly urge Vermont to put a price on carbon pollution. I repeat "Put a price on carbon pollution"

Again,... we thank Governor Scott and the Climate Action Commissioners of Vermont for listening to the concerns of our citizens.

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Sincerely,

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**From:** Robin Gorges <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 8:02 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jesse Lepkoff <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I firmly believe that we must do all we can to stop our planet, our earth our mother from being irreparably ruined for human life now before its too late.

don't you see. Its really the most important thing for the future generations.  
Please ask the commission to recommend a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely  
Jesse leploff

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mark Rosolen <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I agree with Governor Phil Scott's position opposing a carbon tax and desire to put a focus on other solutions that promote clean energy while improving affordability in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Margaret Heale <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 12:55 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I do not think making people pay if they pollute is a solution to the pollution problem. What it will mean is that people who can afford to pay will pollute. The concept of a carbon tax is flawed. We need to make people take responsibility for their actions and appreciate that money can not buy you out of the problem. A carbon tax will add further layers of legislation and bureaucracy .education is the key we should be putting the money where it will do the most good.

thank You  
Margaret

Sincerely,

Margaret Heale  
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**From:** Rachael Carr <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 3:24 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon tax is not the answer

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please don't be bullied by a few that have the audacity to say they speak for the public. A carbon tax will hurt to many of our already struggling citizens.

Sincerely,

Rachael Carr  
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**From:** Albert Martinez <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

If there can be a usage tax on gasoline and other fuels, there should be a tax on carbon emissions.

Basis for the tax, should be related to the ability to curb the amount of carbon released. If an industry use of carbon generating materials, the tax should be based on the amount of generating ability of that fuel. Whether it be a fleet of trucks or individual personal vehicles there should be an annual tax broken down to a daily amount that is expected from their usage. It is a complicated algorithm that should be adjusted for cost of fuel, cost to mitigate the amount of carbon and availability of tools to further mitigate the release of the carbon.

Putting all of that into a legal document would create our legislature to understand more than high school math and chemistry. It requires the most intelligent young people to work and evaluate htis document on an annual basis and to incorporate this into everyday life.

I hope someone can do this work because our lives are complicated by everyday usage of those carbon generators.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Stephen Gilmore <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 10:01 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

IT'S POLLUTION OF EVERY KIND...WITH TRUMP TRYING TO DESTROY EVERY SAFEGUARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH BY ELIMINATING OBAMA'S SAFETY REGS...AND CUTTING EPA, AND OTHER AGENCY BUDGETS...THE GOVERNOR NEEDS TO STAND WITH THE VOTERS OF VERMONT, REAL PEOPLE WHO NEED A TRUE CHAMPION WHO PROMISED TO PROTECT US, OUR AIR & WATER AND THE FUTURE OF OUR PLANET AND THE HOMES OF OUR CHILDREN

Sincerely,

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**From:** James Wuertele <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Demand USD\$ 30 per metric ton and accept 10.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Bruce Macduffie &t;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 8:31 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

My wife and I urge you on the Climate Action Commission to put a price on Carbon pollution, and further to detail how the funds collected will be used in Vermont. In the interest of the health of the planet for our children and grandchildren, let alone in Vermont, we view this as an essential step on the way to meeting the goals Vermont, and indeed, Governor Scott have been espousing. Vermont clearly will be setting a model for other states to follow if we enact the carbon price, and given the federal government's disinterest in the matter, doing so at the state level may be the only way forward for the future health of both our state, nation, and earth.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mary Zentara <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Phil,

It's time to put a price on pollution. We need to take string action now. We've had the hottest fall on record and record breaking hurricanes in the Caribbean. Renewable energy is available. It's time to charge gas and oil giants and save our planet. Tax revenue can be used by Vermonters to transition to affordable, efficient clean energy.

Sincerely,  
Mary

Sincerely,

Mary Zentara  
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**From:** Carole Petrillo <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

To the commission,  
Please recommend a price on carbon pollution for Vermont.

The truth is, a price on carbon pollution can strengthen Vermont's economy and make sure that low- and middle-income Vermonters are not only protected, but prioritized in a way that allows them to transition to cleaner energy options and save money on their energy costs.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Joy <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 7:31 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for fossil fuel companies to be penalized for the impact, scientists confirm, their industry is having on the planet. Please put a tax on carbon pollution as a way to offset the burden high taxes have on ordinary citizens. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Rick Barstow <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 3:00 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Climate Commission.

I was one of those testifying in St Johnsbury and would hope that you would not ignore the majority of the testimony in favor of pricing carbon. I know Gov. Scott has dismissed this and says he will not even consider this. I really think you as a commission need to show some independence and strongly push for such a bill to be at least discussed. If not, it would make this whole exercise out to be purely for show, to make it appear that Gov. Scott is being on board in dealing with the growing urgency of climate change. This is not real leadership. Is he afraid to open this issue up for serious statewide discussion?

Sincerely, Rick Barstow

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nathan Fry <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 11:00 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Climate Action Committee-

I strongly urge you to enact a carbon tax as part of Vermont's move towards fulfilling Gov. Scott's vision for the future of Vermont. A carbon tax will encourage the growth of green businesses in Vermont - companies that we want to come to our state, rather than polluting industries that will degrade our environment. Although the carbon tax will certainly pose a challenge to certain Vermonters who rely on their vehicles for extensive driving, I am confident that your commission can determine how to implement the tax in a manner that discourages pollution, prices externalities fairly, and ensures that the Vermonters that still rely on fossil fuels for heating or transportation are not harmed.

Bring our great state forward towards a bright, clean future, not backwards.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kelly Murphey <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I hope this message finds you enjoying Vermont's summer in October! As nice as this may be, I grew up donning flannel and firing up the wood stove this time of year. The planet is warming and we can do something about it. So, as a state, let's lead by example and DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT! In the dark age of Trump let's be New England's guiding light and put a price on carbon. Tax polluters and use the extra revenue to ramp up Vermont's electric vehicle incentives and infrastructure (being that transportation is Vermont's biggest carbon pollution source) while providing assistance to low-income folks who could be potentially hurt by this tax. Be brave, take a stand and live up to Vermont's "brave little state" creed!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ralph Corbo <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 9:30 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

the people of vermont have spoken but phil scott is trying to ignore us  
- he's making a joke out of the climate action commission - we want a price on carbon pollution now

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 9:30 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

A carbon tax is absolutely necessary. Lure renewable businesses into Vermont. We can make Vermont a desirable place to live and do business by implementing Act 48 and separate health insurance from business and give all Vermonters health care with a single payer.

Then finally invest in trains and light rail. Let's get people moving around the state, cleanly and efficiently so that we can enjoy, work and live in this state.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kristine Winnicki &#62;bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to make a real difference in our fight against the ill effects against climate change.

Sincerely,

Kristine Winnicki  
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**From:** Linda Sukop <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 9:00 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to put a price on carbon pollution and use that money to move toward a clean energy future. Let Vermont lead the way. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Tim Hoopes <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 7:30 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Time to put a price on Carbon. Stop the charade of the fossil fuel industries. Move to renewables in a steady and sustained effort, and stop polluting.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jack Clay <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 6:30 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Hi,

It's time we users of carbon pay the true price for using it instead of letting the public commons absorb this cost. Carbon pricing means those who use it pay for it and are not subsidized by those who don't.

This can only help us realize how much carbon use truly affects us so please help us move away from fossil fuels and towards a sustainable and environmentally friendly future.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Elizabeth Bancroft <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 5:30 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am joining the majority of Vermonters who believe that pollution is not OK or an unavoidable side effect of business as usual. It harms everyone, from the microbes, pollinators and trees we depend on all the way to humans ourselves. It is time to put a price on pollution, to make businesses think deeper about their impacts on their neighbors and give them incentive to find ways to avoid it. Taxpayers should not be paying for others' pollution, not in what we pay for health care, not in reduced yields in our farms, and not in our quality of life. Please listen to the citizens of Vermont and tax pollution!!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Bancroft  
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**From:** Marsha Bancroft <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 5:30 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please make the people who are causing carbon pollution pay for it.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Chelsea Lynes <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need change and taxes seem to reduce consumption.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nancy Mallery &t;bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As Dr. James Hansen stated in his most recent blog posting, "The annual increase of greenhouse gas is increasing, not decreasing! That growth continues up to the present. CO2 and CH4 are increasing faster than a decade ago... Wetland CH4 emissions seem to have increased; CH4 leaks during fracking may contribute. However, the main point is that emissions of CO2 and CH4 are not decreasing rapidly, as they must if we are to avoid leaving young people climate change running out of control. ..."

Please watch this video to the ending share it widely:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mm57xlazv4I&feature=youtu.be>.

A simple, honest carbon fee-and-dividend, unlike California's example, which could have led the world to a climate solution, is now on the table for our state. Vermont can lead the way. We can do it. It needs to happen now! It's our last chance to win the war on climate change!

Our children and grandchildren deserve to have a chance to survive on the planet we are leaving to them.

Sincerely,

Nancy Mallery  
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**From:** Liisa Bradley <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Facing the reality is one of the hardest things in this life. We cannot argue about the science any more. We are destroying our own world with our practices.

A tax on carbon is an effective tool. Look at Europe! Small cars, energy efficient living with the help of good design and engineering, but the key is the expense of carbon to a citizen.

Please consider saving the environment by adding a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

Liisa Bradley  
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**From:** Miriam Pendleton <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for serving on this important commission. There is no more serious threat to Vermont and the entire planet than climate change - not terrorism, mass murderers, or war. Climate change might not make a dramatic news story but it is the most dangerous event humanity is facing.

More people will be displaced by climate change (which will render coastal and equatorial regions largely uninhabitable) than all current conflicts, so if you think we have a migrant problem now, buckle up!

The good news is that we can do something about this and simultaneously improve air and water quality, human health, and the economy. Many of the same sources of climate-damaging greenhouse gas also produce harmful chemicals and particles that lead to acid rain which harms whole ecosystems and damages human health, especially in people who have respiratory or cardiac illnesses. By putting a price on carbon pollution, the energy and transportation sectors of our economy would innovate and create new infrastructure, products and jobs. Lots of jobs! The energy sector is a huge chunk of the world economy.

That is why the entrenched interests (extraction industries) are loath to see any changes to their very profitable businesses - and they have extraordinary influence over our Federal government. Therefore, the states have to step up and keep the progress to a clean energy future going. By requiring polluters pay the full cost of the impacts of their private for-profit businesses, revenue would be available to upgrade infrastructure to be more resilient, improve mass transportation, and help people make their homes and businesses more energy efficient.

We really can do this! We need bold policy now to transition to clean energy and mitigate the worst impacts of climate change. I would be happy to pay more for gasoline if the additional cost went to fight climate change. Let's not be remembered by our children and grandchildren for the generation that could have done something to stop climate change but did nothing! Put a price on carbon pollution. We should have started decades ago!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Marilyn Bush <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

A price on carbon pollution will reduce Vermont's contributions to climate change. Please recommend a price for carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Bush  
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**From:** Susan Mills <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Instead of subsidizing fossil fuels, let's put a price on them. It is urgent that we get off fossil fuels and encourage renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,

Susan Mills  
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**From:** Kimberly Eckhardt <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I feel that the only way to get companies that financially benefit from actions that damage our environment through climate change, to alter their practices, is to hit them where it matters most to them, in the pocket. I would be willing to pay more for these items in order to force change in myself, as well. I see this as necessary to push our society to put an increased value on our planet.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Eckhardt  
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**From:** David Ellenbogen &t;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It is time to put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please do the right thing and give people an incentive to reduce carbon emissions. It makes sense to tax that which is bad for people and sending carbon into the atmosphere is just that.

Sincerely,

David Ellenbogen  
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**From:** Sara Burchard &t;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

No one can deny the rapid changes in the climate we have expected, the large fluctuations, thie extreme weather, everything I read about from climate scientist and their prediction if we didn't put a cap on co2 in the atmosphere. Will, we are there, way ahead of schedule, and it is terrifying.

VT and Vermonters have been very good at working towards sustainability, especially compared to other places in the US. However, we have to do something more, some more serious, something more costly to REALLY begin making a difference. That is a carbon tax on emissions!! Corporations, businesses, and just plain people cannot expect to continue with their life styles and incomes unaffected if we want to have even a chance at controlling what,s happening to our planet, and hence, ourselves! The time was YESTERDAY, but TODAY and TOMORROW are the best chances we have!

I implore you to get behind a carbon tax!

Vermont can again be a leader!!!

Sincerely, Sara Burchard

Sincerely,

Sara Burchard  
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**From:** Patsy Cushing <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a meaningful price on carbon pollution in Vermont, whether on those who travel through (truckers, trains) or those who live and work here, myself included!

Sincerely,

Patsy Cushing  
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**From:** Patricia Williams &#62;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please just do it. When will protecting the planet as our only home be seen by those in power as the good and indeed vital, URGENT job and obligation to all life?

Sincerely,

Patricia Williams  
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**From:** John Rosenblum <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:29 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I'm personally driving a electric vehicle now and there are no downsides, especially for a 2 car family. Let's have Vermont take the lead on preserving this world for our children future!

Thanks,  
John Rosenblum

Sincerely,

John Rosenblum  
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**From:** Carrie Walker <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please recommend a price on carbon pollution. We need to transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. This is so important.

Sincerely,

Carrie Walker  
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**From:** Michael Gore <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Members of the Commission,

As the summer winds to a close can look back on a summer of overwhelming climatic chaos. I am increasingly concerned about what the future holds not just for Vermont, but the wider world. It's time for Vermont to put a price on carbon pollution as a way of encouraging business to address climate change. Already we are seeing car companies such as Volvo and GM begin to admit that the future for automobile companies is electric. As carbon pollution becomes more expensive, more companies will begin to make the change.

Sincerely,

Michael Gore  
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**From:** Rebekah Tolle &lt;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am willing to pay more for my use of carbon fuels.

My wife and I have taught science and math in Vermont since 1986. As a person fortunate enough to be able to work with young adults all day long, I get the chance to see firsthand the optimism of people who haven't yet had the chance to make too many personal decisions that they later rued, and who aren't jaded by greedy politicians and corporations since they haven't made too many big financial decisions themselves. I can, unfortunately, see the seeds of such skepticism, though. When I first had the chance to teach an Environmental Studies class about 20 years ago, one of the things we discussed was the potential of our society entering "the Environmental Age", when we would understand that the laws of biology, physics and chemistry (that no one argues with) could inform us about Laws of Sustainability that could govern how we live and help us make important decisions as a society. Please, (please!) let this decision about all of us paying for our use and disposal of carbon be a sure sign that we are indeed entering that age! We are mature enough to know that ALL important decisions are not only Economic decisions, but also ones of Equity, and Ecology -- it is important to remember how closely the three are entwined, and (dangerous) (ridiculous) (short-sighted) (selfish) to ignore that fact.

Dan Tolle  
Mount Mansfield Union High School

Sincerely,

Rebekah Tolle  
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**From:** Suzanne Fredericks <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Our small town is going to need lots of support to reach the state's renewable energy goals ahead. This will benefit small towns and their residents, like ours.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Thank you for reading this short message.

Please put a price on Carbon Pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Andrew Chalnick &t;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Taxing pollution rather than income, property or consumption is just common sense. A carbon tax can be coupled with carbon dividend to protect the lowest income folks who could be impacted by the tax. VT's economy, which is not itself a producer of fossil fuels, will benefit from a carbon tax. Most importantly, WE OWE IT TO OUR CHILDREN TO PROTECT THEIR FUTURE. Economists unanimously agree that a carbon tax is the BEST way to do that.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Catherine Lowther &#62;bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need a tax on carbon.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Garret Hobart <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

After much thought about possible ways to reduce carbon emissions, I have come to the conclusion that the most effective way would be for Vermont to enact a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jack Fredricks <jack@cabinetree.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Commission Comment

Vermont's Republican Governor needs to buck his party or change parties, and support all we can do to prevent climate catastrophe. Our children or at the outside our grandchildren will have a world of our making that we should never wish on anyone. We must reach 90% renewables asap. The cost is long term far more than any more waiting.

I support pricing carbon, and am willing to see our costs go up for future generations well being.

Jack M Fredricks

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**From:** James Wuertele <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 9:29 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

There are no politics in pollution. Do not wait for protection to do the right thing. Wise up or admit you are inadequate to lead.

I am the St. Johnsbury Energy Coordinator.

On efficiency, I have a super-insulated home with a HERS rating of 35.

On energy generation, I have a solar domestic hot water system and have invested in solar panels.

These are options to a resident.

But you, you who must be a leader, you have the precious and rare chance to lead Vermonters towards a better future for all.

Sincerely,

James Wuertele  
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**From:** William McDonald &lt;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 12:28 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I was very disappointed to learn that our governor seems to have dismissed citizen concern for climate change by having rejected putting a price on carbon pollution.

This is something that informed people support. It is fundamental to leaving this planet a fitting place for our progeny. We must admit that life on this planet is similar to balancing something on the edge of a knife. We take our environment for granted at our peril. It is past time to use our intelligence rather than continuing to employ "knee jerk" solutions. Please consider placing a price on carbon pollution for the sake of our children, grandchildren and those yet unborn. It is the responsible thing to do.

Sincerely,

William McDonald  
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**From:** Brian Forrest <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 11:28 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

When listening to your Vermont constituents, it is also heed their call. In tis case it is for a price on carbon. There are many ways to price carbon, some that are revenue neutral for low income Vermonters and some that are tax neutral and will have no cost impact. For the governor o come out and say that he will veto any carbon tax indicates that he is not really interested in facing our climate challenge but merely to seem like he is while protecting his fossil fuel donors. Despite the governor's promise to veto this ides, please send it on to him anyway and make him defend his statement as no other action will have as much as an influence on climate and the commitment we are asking the government to make on our behalf as a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

Brian Forrest  
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**From:** Greg Hostetler <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:58 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to stop our climate denial and work on our fossil fuel addiction. Please put a price on carbon so that we advance our economy and reduce our tax burden.

Sincerely,

Greg Hostetler  
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hostetler.greg@gmail.com

**From:** Patricia Williams &#62;bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Don't Trump the planet!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sara Lourie <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I do not understand why the price of gas is so cheap here in America.

In England it is three times as much . . . and rightly so. If gas prices are increased, people will think twice about filling their gas tanks, and extra tax money could go towards mitigating pollution caused by fossil fuels. I urge you to recommend a price be placed on carbon pollution.

Thank you for listening to my comment.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Eleanor Zue <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 4:27 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I do feel strongly that putting a price on carbon pollution is a wise and reasonable way to reduce the appearance that the burning of fossil fuels has no environmental cost, and I hope, also to reduce their use in favor of other energy sources. I am very much against fracking, and am trying in my own life to reduce my dependency on fossil fuels, and would not mind if the prices of gasoline and fuel oil went up due to being taxed. It would be money that I hope would go toward improving energy efficiency on the state level, maybe introducing electric school buses. Whatever is the best use for the income from the tax, I would hope that it would help those with lower income convert to more energy efficient homes and help with transportation in some way, like more access to public transportation.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joel Eisenkramer &#226;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 4:27 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to tax the biggest polluters. I don't care about political backlash and neither do true leaders. We need to act monumentally and decisively to insure that Vermont continues to be a green oasis in a rapidly over developing world. This is not just for sentimentality; Vermont's greenness, of its terrain and its policies, is what attracts our tourist economy and folks moving here from out of state to contribute to our economy.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ellen Keene <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution with Carbon Fee and Dividend

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Folks,

Have you heard of the Citizen's Climate Lobby?

This is a direct quote from an article about the gubernatorial candidate in Minnesota by P Finkelstein,

"You don't have to be around CCL for very long before you hear the phrase "Carbon Fee and Dividend." That's the revenue-neutral carbon pricing plan we lobby Congress to enact. It puts a steadily rising price on carbon emissions and returns the revenue to American households in the form of a dividend. This would discourage further greenhouse gas emissions, spur innovation in the energy sector, and stimulate the economy by putting money in people's pockets."

What is not to like about this? Let's join other innovative states and get this going. There is also the House Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus in the US House of Reps that now has 60 members and growing every day. It's headed by a Republican and a Democrat both from Florida. This is a win win proposition. You don't have to reinvent the wheel--CCL and the House Climate Solutions Caucus are already working this out. Here's Minnesota gubernatorial candidate Rebecca Otto's proposal for her state:

" The Minnesota-Powered Plan, as she calls it, has three central features. First, it would set a carbon price at \$40 per metric ton, which is calculated to generate \$4.45 billion in the first year. The price would increase by 10% each year for 18 years. Of the revenue generated from the carbon price, 75 percent would fund quarterly cash dividends paid out to every Minnesota resident. The dividends would equal "an estimated \$600 annually, paid to every Minnesota resident of any age." More money in the pocket means greater spending power, invigorating the economy.

The other 25 percent of the carbon price revenue would go toward clean energy refundable tax credits, which would be available to every Minnesotan. These tax credits would cover "30 percent of the cost of switching to new and used EV cars, installing solar panels, changing out water heaters, furnaces and air conditioners for heat pumps, and installing triple-pane windows and insulation." Otto says tens of thousands of new private sector jobs would be created in the process, stimulating the local economy. And as new businesses are established to keep up with demand, she anticipates an increase in wages while living expenses are driven down by the money-saving efficiencies of clean and renewable energy technologies."

Please get on board and thanks!!!!  
Montpelier resident, Ellen Keene

Sincerely,

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**From:** Millard Hall <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

READ A BOOK! SURELY YOU CAN UNDERSTAND THIS ISSUE IF YOU STUDY A BIT.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mike McGrath <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The only way some things get better is through necessity of change. If they pollute now and there is no reason to change, it will continue especially if it costs money to change later. I'm tired of picking up everyone's bill thru taxes. Made the change and people will have to step up and do the right thing. Climate change is real and it is here!!!! Need to fix...

Sincerely,

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**From:** John Mosley <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 9:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please do not get stuck on a single solution/cause. Continue to advocate for solutions that will make less pollution and a better environment . You seem to be stuck on a single cause and a shouting match with the Gov. That will not help anyone. Jack Mosley

Sincerely,

John Mosley  
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**From:** Tom Finnell <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Privatizing the profits while socializing the costs is immoral.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Catherine Nottz <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 9:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is time to move forward and impose a cost on carbon pollution. We must move forward.

Sincerely,

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**From:** LisaAnn Oberbrunner <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We must do everything possible to reduce/eliminate carbon pollution.  
Please do what you can.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Roy Snell <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As you well know the price of fossil fuels doesn't include its negative impact on the environment. What better way to help fund the process of moving away from these destructive products than to price them accordingly and use the funds raised to help Vermonters switch to renewables. Please give our grandkids a shot at a future.

Sincerely,

Roy Snell  
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**From:** Lucile Brink <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I think it is time that Scott listens to his citizens in Vermont. Our State has always led the way of good ideas. The Commission should recommend a price on carbon pollution. Lucile Brink

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mary Gemignani <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to keep Vermont special. As a maple syrup producer, I can already see the damage that climate change is making on our maple trees. Much of Vermont's economic activity depends on the food and wood products that the state produces. Don't destroy the uniqueness of our state and the livelihood of our citizens.

Sincerely,

Mary Gemignani  
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**From:** Rick Klein <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is imperative that polluters pay!

Sincerely,

Rick Klein  
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**From:** Richard and Martha Gazley <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We are die-hard Democrats who, nevertheless, voted for you in 2016. We hoped you were cut from different cloth than the morons in DC. Anyone who lives in VT values its beauty . The constant threats to our environment must be fought 'by every means we have. The recommendations made by the Climate Action Commission, which you solicited, cannot in good conscience be ignored. Be a different kind of Republican by doing the right thing.

Sincerely,

Richard and Martha Gazley  
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**From:** Melissa Wales <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

All solutions , including small hydro, wind, geothermal, and solar need to be utilized in order to combat climate change and lead to our energy independence.

Sincerely,

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**From:** A Federico <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 12:55 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please do the right thing for our children and speak up to our leadership to protect us and reverse the effects of climate change.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sara Longsmith <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 12:25 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Polluting fossil fuels are contributing to climate change. Please recommend a price on carbon pollution. I am very worried for my children and grandchildren's future on this planet!

Sincerely,

Sara Longsmith  
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**From:** Judith Pond <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Governor, YOU can be a hero here! Yes, we want Vermont's economy to grow, and all Vermonters to be paid a living wage and live healthy lives.

There are many ways to put a price on pollution. Like most of reality, the situation is complex and will require complex legislation to ensure that the tax is effective and fair, and that firm adjustments are available (and not burdensome paperworkwise) to working people so that they do not bear the brunt of the effort.

This is where YOU come in. Your leadership, and clear communication of the way the measure will work. Your opposition can sink this effort; your courageous leadership can make Vermont cleaner, fairer, more productive, and a model for the rest of the states.

PLEASE explore all the angles of this issue with an open mind. I'm sure you can find a way to lead on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Judith Pond  
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**From:** Michael Doran <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 11:26 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Despite what anyone, even the governor, may have to say about global warming, we need to do all we can, which includes a carbon tax. Even though I feel all the more recent efforts at wind generation and solar panel farms should have happened 25 years ago, more is necessary now because too little was done in the past. Little was done because of the fog of doubt laid down by the fossil fuel industry. This fogging goes on today with the denial of climate change and with the rejection of anything like a carbon tax that would help. Let's not be ridiculous by following the fog. Let's pass a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

Michael Doran  
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**From:** John Field <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Climate Action Commissioners,

I am a 70 year old grandfather of three young people who deserve a future. The hurricanes that have recently devastated significant portions of our country and the Caribbean, are a testament to the urgent need to seriously curtail human extraction and use of fossil fuels. Unless we enact a market-based policy, ie a tax on carbon pollution, my grandchildren--and yours--face runaway , climate-caused dislocations. This is not a partisan issue; many leading Conservatives including James A. Baker III, George P. Shultz, and Henry M. Paulson have come out publicly for a tax on carbon pollution. Remember, once the snows stop falling, and the leaves stop turning, Vermont's economic tourist engine will stall. Please take my plea seriously! Thank you so much for your dedication and your hard work.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jim Paquette <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support putting a price on carbon pollution and expect that you will too.

Sincerely,

Jim Paquette  
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Underhill, VT 05489-9220  
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**From:** Sylvie Desautels <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 10:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear folks at the Climate Action Commission, I write in support for implementing a tax on carbon in Vermont as soon as possible. This tax should build over a long term...say 10 years and should reimburse folks for energy efficiency measures. If you take a good look at the places that have implemented a tax on carbon, you will see that it has had a substantial effect on reducing the consumption of fossil fuels.

There is no time to waste. We need a rapid reduction on the use of fossil fuels and a rapid build out of renewable energy sources. I truly believe that this is a win/win situation for the environment and the economy. Jobs in green energy and building are destined to be high paying and work folks can be proud of.

Please act with the long term future of the health of the planet and people as your first priority.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ken Arthur <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Climate change is a serious issue that faces not only Vermonters but the whole world. How anyone can deny the reality of this issue is beyond my comprehension. Governors, like any representative of the people need to LISTEN to their constituents. It takes courage and dedication. The people DEMAND this of their representatives. We have a President who listens to no one. We do not need a Governor who does the same. DO THE JOB YOU WERE "HIRED" TO DO! Listen to us or we'll find someone who will.

Sincerely,

Ken Arthur  
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**From:** Elizabeth Chapek &t;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please rethink your thoughts and actions regarding the need for and or increase in dependency on fossil fuels in our state of Vermont!!!!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Chapek  
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**From:** Phyllis Erwin <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am very disappointed in our Governor!

Sincerely,

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**From:** William Thurber <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 8:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Climate change is REAL, it's the ULTIMATE THREAT, and we need to DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

Sincerely,

William Thurber  
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**From:** Dana Dwinell-Yardley <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 7:56 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear folks on the commission,

Despite Gov Scott's recent comments on social media to the contrary, the majority of Vermonters support a carbon tax. Listen to the people!

It's time to take bold steps toward addressing climate change and meeting VT's goal of 90% renewables by 2050. Please recommend a tax on carbon pollution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Vanessa Compton &tt;bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 7:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott,

I am grateful for the work you do for all of us Vermonters, it cannot be an easy job. I'm writing you because I believe that Vermont should move forward to real climate solutions and put a price on carbon pollution. I am 35 years old, grew up in VT, lived around the world, then decided to come back and live in Northeast Kingdom. VT is often a bucolic paradise, it's what sets us apart and why tourists and visitors flock to our state. But we are as connected to the world as everyone else. Please remember the coming generations when you make decisions regarding climate change. Be the hero, the person who stood on the right side of truth, and tax those who pollute.

In gratitude and respect.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please move forward with our price on carbon pollution message despite the governor's disinterest. He needs to know the will of the people who turned out at the climate commission meetings. Perhaps he can be made to understand the economic benefits of a carbon tax.

Thanks

Donna Fialkoff

Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Wake up governor, climate change is real. I will not vote for you.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Hello,

I believe that Vermont and Governor Scott should take our environmental crisis very seriously. It makes sense to levy a carbon tax, and to impose taxes on other forms of pollution. Pollution of our air has real costs, and those costs should be paid for by those causing the pollution where that can be determined. The proceeds from these taxes should be used entirely to assist Vermonters in transitioning to clean energy,

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

It's time VT seriously looked to protect and preserve the environment by encouraging renewable energy sources, and one way to encourage this is to put a price on fuels that add to pollution. The money raised through these efforts could fund R & D into renewable energy that everyone in VT could afford, while protecting our mother, the earth.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

This is the biggest challenge our generation has created and will need to address for the sake of our children and the future. We need to take strong action put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution. Please do the right thing for all of us.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

I'm very disappointed with the Governor's response in his Facebook post to the many Vermonters who took the time to attend the Climate Action Commission's hearings and spoke out about the importance of putting a price on carbon (and unfortunately some of them had to drive a significant distance because of the locations of the hearings). With the recent hurricanes still fresh in our minds, it's clearer than ever how important it is to take this action now!

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

I'm very disappointed with the Governor's response in his Facebook post to the many Vermonters who took the time to attend the Climate Action Commission's hearings and spoke out about the importance of putting a price on carbon (and unfortunately some of them had to drive a significant distance because of the locations of the hearings). With the recent hurricanes still fresh in our minds, it's clearer than ever how important it is to take this action now!

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please explore options to put a price on carbon pollution. Let's lead the transition to a sustainable economy. Please listen to your constituents- not the fossil fuel industry. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

We have seen what happens with climate change and need to immediately counteract it in every way possible. It seems the only way for people to listen and act is by hitting them in the pocket book ! We need a commission to put a price on polluting fuel companies so we can use the money to move forward to efficient clean energy that is affordable.  
Please do all you can to help Vermont be proud of its forward thinking actions.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Our planet's future is at stake. Now is the time to lower pollution

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Vermont Climate Action Commission,

The violent weather this hurricane season is giving us lots of feedback on climate change. We need to transition to affordable, efficient, clean energy.

Please put a price on carbon pollution!

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

It is essential that we take real action on addressing climate change.  
A carbon tax is the most effective way to make effective progress.

Sincerely,

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**From:** William Roy <bounce@convio.net>  
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VT Climate Action Commission

What is wrong with being proactive? Is it because our governor and his big oil contributors don't believe climate change/global warming is real? Or is it because their livelihood is being threatened as there is no perceived profit in protecting the environment? We may not be suffering greatly yet, but our children and great-children certainly will. Why wait for that?

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please listen to Vermonters who are very worried about our environment!  
There's no time to lose!!

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

keep at it

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The world' leading scientists say climate change is a major threat to earth's ability to support human life. Please tax carbon!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Carbon PRICING-Every successful business wants to capture the true costs of its operation. Carbon costs are costs the fossil fuel industry has externalized to the people of Vermont. We need to recover those costs and return them to the commonwealth of Vermont so we can rebuild the next regenerative economy.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Matthew Peake <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

I just heard that GM and Ford are going fully electric with the vehicles they are putting out in the next decade so let's get some baseline data of--in this case the price on fossil fuels--so we can chart our progress as a state with respect to the governor's wishes stated above.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Vermont is a State that other states look up to with regard to how to tackle things like carbon pollution. I don't want to hear that, say, Virginia didn't do anything because "Look at Vermont, they don't care, why should we..." I realize that it's cheaper in the short term to trash the environment but it takes a strong state and a strong leadership to do things that NEED to be done, so please, let's put a price on carbon pollution, at worst this will bring revenue into the State coffers that can be used to off set things that really matter like clean energy at best it will lower the States carbon pollution footprint.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cathy Phillips <bounce@convio.net>  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Create a market based system to move away from our reliance on fossil fuels. Get onto the right side of history.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Peggy Burden <bounce@convio.net>  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Governor,

You were elected by the people of Vermont not the high dollar donors. The people have spoken and you have not listened. Science is real the climate is fragile. Listen by the Vermont Climate Action Commission and abide by their recommendation!

Sincerely,

Peggy Burden  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott- I was so hopeful when you set up the Climate Action Commission, and it fit with your campaign statement that "I make a point to listen and learn everything I can about their goals, struggles and the outcome they are hoping for. Then, I quietly lead the effort by organizing people and resources to develop solutions and meet the needs of Vermonters."

After reading your Facebook post I have become quite disillusioned with your true intentions. The people have spoken at these hearings, and the consensus is clearly in favor of some sort of carbon tax. And yet you dismiss any form of such a tax, even forms that are revenue neutral, such as exchanging a sales tax with a carbon tax.

I have had my concerns about such a tax, including the burden it might put on the poor. I worry that it might turn out to be more regressive, and I worry about what happens to state revenue when we start using less carbon and thus add less to the coffers. Still, I am listening, I am talking with those on both sides, and I trying hard to understand the complexities and options available to curb carbon use. I see some sort of tax as a very viable market solution, but the key is in the details.

For you to dismiss all ideas related to a carbon tax is a most unreasonable and unprofessional approach. And to make a blanket statement that any form will undoubtedly be "detrimental for...our state's economy" makes me believe that you clearly are not interested in getting at the best practice when considering what is best for Vermonters. If you were you would wanting to here the evidence that is being put forth, and understand all the ways that we could slice this pie. What you have made clear by your words is that you are only interested in what is best for Phil Scott, and Phil Scott needs to run again in 2 years and needs the cash that comes from taking such an unfounded position.

To me the broader concern is that you are not living up to your spoken goals of listening and learning. Your mind is made up. You have been bought and paid for. And your commission is nothing more that a photo op.

Please reconsider listening and understanding the complexities being put forth.

Thanks,

Steve Gagliardone  
Sharon, VT 05065

Sincerely,

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**From:** David Feurzeig <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 3:54 PM  
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VT Climate Action Commission

I reject Gov. Scott's assertion that a carbon tax will make Vermont less affordable. Smart taxes can drive efficiency. But even if there were some basis to his argument, affordability is worthless if we don't have a livable climate. Vermont should be proud to lead the region in instituting a carbon tax. Our neighboring states will follow soon enough.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Olga Hebert <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Absolutely! It is past time to wake up. Clearly the earth is sending out an S.O.S. and we need to start listening. To not aggressively counter carbon emissions is putting future generations at risk. Putting a price on carbon emissions is a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,

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**From:** James Messier <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

What is the problem of moving away from fossil fuels to renewable energy?

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sam Conant <bounce@convio.net>  
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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

What is the Governor's rationale for refusing to consider the Commission's recommendation?

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Let's DO something about climate change, and pollution. A tax on carbon emissions is a great place to start.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please take this threat of global warming seriously even if Governor Scott will not. I am fearful for the path we are heading down if we don't take action now. I want global warming addressed and putting a price on pollution is a great means. Nothing industry giants and corporations understand better than money, as Scott knows, and so we have to hit them in their wallet to speak their language. Gov Scott needs to deal with less padding in his pockets and stand up for what is right.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state. Doing so would not only be a responsible step in being the caretakers for our environment, it would also put that money in Vermonters' hands so we can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution!

Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please continue to move forward on combating pollution despite the Governor's reluctance to listen to what the public has to say. Vermont has always pioneered the way in matters of the environment, and I hope it can continue to do so. And we definitely need a price on carbon pollution.

Thank you for your good work,

Sincerely,

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**From:** Brittany Porter <bounce@convio.net>  
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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The commission needs to recommend a price on carbon pollution. This is poisoning us & destroying our environment. Tax the polluters!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mark Lyons <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Climate change is apparent even in northern Vermont, where our dogs and cats now get fleas and ticks because of the warmer weather, not to mention the heating of the oceans, loss of arctic land mass, and huge deluges of water in hurricanes due to warmer oceans. Please take this seriously and let us begin to move forward in addressing this serious issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mary Sellman <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to act on this initiative before it's too late

Sincerely,

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**From:** Diora Kania <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need a way to curb our appetites for fossil fuels and unfortunately we learn best when it affects the money in our pockets

Sincerely,

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**From:** Dave McGown <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

There is already a price on pollution and it is killing us. Taxing fossil fuels is simply an obvious method of reducing the abuse and compensating for some of the damage done.

Sincerely,

Dave McGown  
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**From:** Stuart Birdsall &t;bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support Vermont Climate Action Commission's recommendation that place a price on carbon pollution. It's disheartening when Governor Scott said he would listen and now he won't. What's worse is the reasoning behind his deaf ear: contributions from his campaign donors will be the ones that pay the price (as they should). Governor Scott needs to listen to his constituents or get out of office.

Sincerely,

Stuart Birdsall  
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**From:** Cathy Tudhope <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Like integrity is to a person climate is to our state. In order to prosper we need cleaning here chemical free soil and water, then we have the foundation to work with.

We can make a business out of keeping our stay clean if you have the foresight and commitment.

Sincerely,

Cathy Tudhope  
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**From:** Corey Walsh <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We have had enough with not being heard on the state and federal level.  
The governor represents the people and their rights and wills. Listen to the people governor, or you are no better than any other official who is doing the same right now. Show us that Vermont is still a special place!

Sincerely,

Corey Walsh  
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**From:** Nils Behn <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution - and Support Renewables

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We can grow our economy by supporting the renewable energy industry in VT. This is the fastest growing job sector in VT and currently represents 6% of all jobs in the state. In addition to creating a carbon tax on polluters we need simplified solar (and wind) friendly permitting process and we need to restore the ability of farmers to host solar projects. The increasingly hostile permitting and regulatory climate toward renewables is one of the top two causes of the slowdown in renewable energy deployment. Please do what is right.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Rita Clark <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As a citizen of Vermont for over 30 years, I feel I have a right to urge this committee to stand up to the governor and to stand up for progress on climate change by creating a system for reducing carbon use in our region. Please rise to this challenge and realise that we the people are hoping for change for our leaders to take responsibility.  
Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Reba Korban <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

This is a very serious issue that calls for a very serious response.  
Listen to the voice of Vermonters, the window of opportunity to make a change for the better is growing shorter everyday!

Sincerely,

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Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I won't like paying more for my own use of gasoline for the car or heating oil/gas for staying warm in winters, but I believe we must take the step of increasing taxes on oil/gas and so change the incentives for use. If we could then use the increased revenues to promote sustainable energy uses, all the better! Thanks for taking the step of being willing to change the financing structures or thereby stop carbon pollution, as Al Gore wanted the country to do 30 years ago!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gary Chicoine <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

If the majority of commissioners favor pricing carbon pollution then please have the personal courage to stand by that position in the face of Scott's and his party's pushback. Thanks.

Sincerely,  
Gary Chicoine  
Jeffersonville

Sincerely,

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Governor Scott

I am not a left-wing activist I am a Vermont voter who votes for what I believe is right and I expect you to also do what's right and not what lobbyists and other benefactors would have you do for their benefit .

Stop the polluters !

Sincerely  
James Morin  
Age-66

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Interesting editorial. I always wonder true motives when an editorial writer attempts to tell us what other people think. Unless this editorial writer can state facts rather than personal opinions it doesn't qualify as news. The reason I stopped donation to VPIRG is that the editorial staff tends to behave like spoiled children whenever they don't get everything they want.

The last time someone came to my home for money, they peeled out in my driveway then tore off down the road. Is this the example of someone dedicated to responsible use of fossil fuels?

My question to the author of this editorial: Do you personally drive the most fuel efficient vehicle available or are you prone to drive the typical gas guzzler that most higher income managers drive? Just what sort of carbon tax are you proposing? As I recall, there wasn't a gubernatorial candidate in the race in favor of a carbon tax except for possibly one of the fringe candidates that not only didn't get elected but didn't receive any sort of a vote to even make an appearance of this concept going any further forward at this time.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

I fully support a price on carbon pollution in Vermont, with the proviso that proceeds be used to help low income Vermonters insulate their homes and thus reduce their use of fossil fuels for heat. Coupled with the incentive for industry to clean up their act, that's a "win-win" situation.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Listen to Vermonters

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

I support putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so we can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Wissler <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

This isn't a matter for you to decide alone. Pay the attention you asked for and help us all to take the difficult steps required to support our future. remember , You wanted this job , now DO IT.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

We definitely need to penalize the entities who continue to pollute the land, air, and water; otherwise they will continue to do so with the impunity (even subsidies) that they have enjoyed so far. A principled approach, for instance, would have been to reject the natural gas pipeline. It may have helped to keep Vermont clean, but the fracking required to supply it has ruined the environment elsewhere. Vermont is not riddled with oil wells, refineries, chemical companies, and threatened aquifers, fortunately, but it needs to set an example in any way it can (for instance, in Bennington).

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

At the October 3 Renewable Energy Vermont (REV) conference there was a presentation by Quebec's renewable energy expert, to discuss the incredibly positive impacts that a carbon tax and their cap and trade program have had on the economy, the environment and social equality in Quebec.

At that same conference on the same day, Governor Scott said he embraced the 90% renewables by 2015 goal but opposed "industrial wind", and said the "good options" are solar and importing from our neighbors to the north (i.e. Quebec).

So, how about instead of just importing power from Quebec we also import their VERY GOOD IDEAS that involve putting a price on pollution???

Please. Do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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**From:** William April <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

I just heard how Gov. Scott is not accepting some of the recommendations being made at the commission hearings. That seems very short sighted and I am asking that the commission please put a price on pollution especially carbon pollution. It appears to be an obvious method to shift the cost without raising taxes. Thanks!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Melissa Deas <bounce@convio.net>  
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VT Climate Action Commission

The crazy thing about not following through with our cleaning up our environment, is if we want to survive, there is no question. Why is this a question? Exactly how much money is your child's life worth? Yes, put a big price on polluting fuels. Stand byVT and fund climate solutions.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Noel Ford <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Keep up your efforts to educate all Vermonters on the benefits of the "carbon tax." Fossil fuel donors are powerful [\$. And Scott listens to his \$ supporters and gives lip service to everyone else.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Suzanne Champlin &t;bounce@convio.net>  
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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

What Vermont needs to do is develop its cheapest and greenest energy resources (solar and wind) and eliminate the use of fossil fuels. And to this end, we should tax fossil fuels. We can do this - we are small and committed. Fossil fuels are obsolete and ruining the earth.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kate Williams <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

I believe that a carbon tax is the most effective way to combat climate change. This has been demonstrated by successes in European countries, that are far ahead of us in the US in their thinking and their policies. Please keep Vermont in the lead in the US, by putting a price on pollution, in spite of Gov. Scott's opposition.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Debra Diegoli <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please listen to the people of Vermont and to climate experts, not the governor's arbitrary statement that there will not be a price put on carbon.

It's unfair for him to dismiss this solution before the hearings are even finished

Climate chaos can only be solved if we work together in a mass mobilization. We in VT must do our part.

Thank you.

I pay taxes,

and I vote.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

We definitely need to stop polluting and put a huge price on it. Our children and thier children are going to pay the price for our abuse of the planet. If we do not stop carbon and start sequestering it ...there might not be a viable environment to sustain any form of mankind on this planet. Once the carbon acidifies the ocean to the point of it cannot support plant life (plankton) there goes 85% of the oxygen producing plant life on the planet = an atmosphere that can't support human life .

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

I strongly urge you to support placing a price on carbon. There are ways to ensure that our transition to a clean energy economy are equitable and do not raise the cost of living for working class Vermonters.

Thank you.

Eric Becker  
S. Strafford, VT

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

I am really very disappointed in our governor. I thought he was better than those in Washington, but it seems not. We must insist he listen to the public, the people who voted for him, who want something done.

I believe that a price on carbon pollution is a good solution and I hope the Commission will recommend this.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Vermont has an obligation to take a responsible position, a leadership roll, in the most important challenge our nation has ever faced.

Abdication of this responsibility is not an option.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lee English <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Fellow Vermonters,

Please do your best to fulfill the original mission of the Commission to bring about a transition to efficient clean energy here in Vermont.

Put a price on carbon pollution that gas and oil companies bring to our state and use that money for the health of all Vermonters. If you don't, who will?

thank you for your attention to my message.

Sincerely,  
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Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott,

Have we passed the tipping point? Are we beyond no return? It's debatable, but there is NO QUESTION that we must act swiftly and boldly to address carbon pollution and the climate crisis.

You are giving lip service to this. It is reprehensible that you scheduled public talks - and now are refusing to accept or listen to what the people of VT are saying. I also think you purposely set the meetings to be held in areas of low population, difficult to get to, or republican areas. Shame on you for that. It is not time to play politics with the environment. I urge you to ACT not pretend.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Joe Kaszas <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

despite the governor's intransigence, Vermont should move forward to real climate solutions and put a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sue Morris <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

We support a carbon tax as a way to mitigate global climate change.  
Please put a price on pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Todd Thomas <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jane Sommers <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please do put a tax on carbon pollution!!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Douglas Lufkin &t;bounce@convio.net>  
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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott,

When you ran for office, you said "listening was more important than talking, and actions speak louder than words." It appears that you do not like hearing what Vermonters are saying at the Climate Action Commission public hearings that you created, and not only have stopped listening, but have been insulting and disrespectful to the Vermonters whose opinions you sought.

You cannot simply dismiss the will of the people whom you serve. If the consensus is to put a price on the cost of pollution, as governor, you need to respect that and implement it. Yes it will offend the polluters. But it will also inspire creative solutions to find non-polluting alternatives.

Kindly continue to participate with an open mind in the democratic process we Vermonters cherish, listening with respect to the many ideas presented, and follow the will of the people.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Barbara Foley <bounce@convio.net>  
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**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please support the commissions view on Global Warming and take all action to support the strongest levels of Legislation in Vermont to protect our and the world's environment.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Darcey Mercier <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Please do not be discouraged by the Governor's opinions. As Vermonters living in a democratic society we want our voices heard. I want an end to big business making the rules. Big business needs to be held accountable for the harm it causes to the citizens of the world, the United States and Vermont. Gas and oil giants need to pay for the pollution they cause without forwarding it to the people. There is no reason gas and oil owners personally can not be held responsible for the polluting and harm they cause.

This is of course only one piece to making Vermont healthier. It would also be helpful to create more jobs in solar and wind projects contributing to an end of dependence on gas and oil.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Darlene Baer <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

It doesn't surprise me that the governor has reneged on his original vows--he's had some backing from Big Oil. The ONLY way we are going to prevent catastrophic change is by changing our fuel habits NOW. Scott is going the way of Republicans--totally in denial about human caused warming of the planet. If they do try to do something they know they will lose their Big Money support. We need to absolutely put a "price on pollution" a.k.a.: "carbon tax." We need to do it...yesterday!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Larry Phillips <bounce@convio.net>  
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VT Climate Action Commission

recommend a price on carbon pollution

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kathleen Laliberte <bounce@convio.net>  
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**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

I moved to Vermont more than 40 years ago because I wanted to live in a state that is small enough to have real citizen participation and small enough to make the difficult decisions that are necessary to show the way -- to help lead our country into a smarter and kinder future.

Over the years I have seen our unique size and our enlightened constituency make the kinds of tough, yet powerful decisions that have paved the way for things like the freedom to marry, energy tax credits, land trusts, land use controls and so much more.

Climate change is real and accelerating. Our county -- and the world -- needs Vermont to show the way. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution to spur economic activity, inspire and grow Vermont businesses and put us all on a path to a better future.

I encourage you to stand tall and do what's needed. Do what Vermont citizens want you to do -- not what a minority of businesses and lobbyists want you to do.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Laliberte  
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**From:** Gabe Halberg <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 1:24 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

To the members of the Climate Action Commission,

Please recommend putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Peggy Rishel <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We definitely need to put a price on pollution - we cannot fight climate change or mitigate its effects if we ignore the issue of fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

Peggy Rishel  
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**From:** Jeffrey Haslett <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Governor Scott,

Bold state actions now!

Stop the politics of party and take actions for 'We the People'.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Haslett  
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**From:** Richard Kerschner <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

In this unfortunate day and age when the Federal Government is not only refusing to address climate change but taking actions to make it worse, it is up to the States to take action to fight climate change. The Vermont Climate Action Commission has the opportunity to make a real effect on what Vermont does to address climate change. Please do not waste this opportunity. VPIRG as done their homework on their proposals to address climate change. Please "Put a Price on Pollution" by making this action one of your three recommendations to the legislature and governor.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kate Morris <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 12:54 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to act. We have the technology, we know renewable energy is possible. Recommend putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

Kate Morris  
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**From:** Geoffrey Whitchurch <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon pollution. In these troubled times, it is so important for short-term grass roots efforts. When politicians disregard the voice(s) of their constituents, or when leaders refuse to recognize the importance of climate-changing actions, it is up to individuals to take action.

1) Shop your conscience. Just because EPA emissions and MPG regulations are lax doesn't mean you can't find auto makers that exceed regulations.

2) Just because there is no plastic bag ban, does not mean that you can't find the means for avoiding plastic.

The power for change is in the people, especially when votes are not what adopts regulation.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Liston Tatum <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

In case you missed it, Jim Hansen (world renowned NASA scientist) has determined the species will not survive the current level of carbon in the atmosphere. So in a dreadful irony, Gov. Scott gets his wish: we'll need to solve this with technology which has not yet been invented.

Meanwhile, on the chance Jim Hansen and 98% of the scientific community might be on to something, let's buy our children some time by putting a price on carbon pollution, same as we exact a tipping fee when you take your trash to the dump.

You are going to have to answer to your children, either way.

Sincerely,

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**From:** James Leopold <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Louise Frazier <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is high time to charge polluters for the damage they cause, especially in relation to climate change!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Martha Tack <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Very disappointed that the Governor's Commission has not been given the respect and response of the person who created the Commission!

Putting a price on pollution may not please the powerful fossil fuel people - but what can? They have held the reins for our atmosphere to be polluted and tainted and now we'd like to have some recognition and, frankly, payback.

Can they give us back our clean environment? No. But we can BEGIN an important process with this idea of putting a price on pollution that someone else will pay.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Gov Scott - Keep your campaign promises!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.

I feel strongly that we need to have a carbon tax, and we need to do more as a country, state and people to slow climate change.

This year we have no colors, the leaves are turning brown and falling off instead, and no killing frost yet these = climate change.

We in VT, blessedly do not have to deal with hurricanes, but of course we did 6 years ago with Irene, it is clear these worsening storms are related to climate change..

I have put my money where my mouth is, I drive a Prius, have solar hot water and solar electric panels, and a geothermal heat pump to heat my home, the only oil I use in my home is for domestic hot water as the heat pump doesn't heat it hot enough for showers.

Please do not let the Governor decrease our fight against climate change and continue to support big oil.

It is past time for a price on carbon pollution. Do the right thing, so our children and their children can still see the colors!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

This is urgent business for the people of Vermont!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Move away from fossil fuels

Sincerely,

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**From:** Brian Tremback <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to move forward on climate action now. Please recommend a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** ML Stephens <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 12:54 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution - but who will bear the real expense?

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I get that VPIRG has decided that organizing and rallying around climate change recommendations - energizing the base and spurring action - is the way to go. No problems with that concept EXCEPT you really need to make it clear that you are advocating that it be done in a way that will NOT penalize VTers least able to pay. You have not yet stepped forward with ANY ideas that do not hurt the most vulnerable VTers. ALL ideas so far for 'putting a price on carbon pollution' have been regressive taxation. That is cruel and it is foolish. You are filled with bright people who can come up with something better. Please - do it and put it forward. Anything less paints VPIRG as elitist, uncaring, and unaware of the vulnerable human element in the complicated equation of climate change.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Adopting proven market driven solutions to climate change is essential to current and future Vermonter's. I hope the commission will do the right thing for the state and avoid politics in putting a price on carbon.

Bill Maclay

Author of The New Net Zero

Sincerely,

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**From:** Abigail Foulk <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Carbon tax will work. We need to move towards sustainable energy!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Oct 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Climate change is already hurting Vermont. Let's do something!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Fran Putnam <fcspntm@sover.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2017 1:09 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Putting a price on carbon

To the Commission:

There are many things our state can do to help reach the state's energy goals—support efficiency and weatherization, support solar and wind installations, enforce the energy code in new buildings, and more.

However, one of the most efficient means to start weaning Vermonters off of fossil fuels is to establish an equitable, well-planned carbon charge. Many countries are already reaping benefits from pricing carbon. British Columbia has had a carbon fee for 9 years and they have reduced their use of fossil fuels by 15%. Meanwhile, their economy is doing better than other provinces in Canada.

The organization Energy Independent Vermont commissioned the REMI study to show how implementing this tax has important economic benefits for Vermont. It would keep in Vermont some of the money spent on fossil fuels that is currently sent out of state and would also create good jobs in the renewable energy and efficiency sectors.

Finally, a well crafted carbon tax could actually benefit low and middle-income Vermonters by helping them improve the energy efficiency of their homes and helping them to buy more efficient vehicles. We could also do much to improve public transit.

So much can be done if we have some revenue to do it.

Please put a carbon price in your list of recommendations to Governor Scott.

Sincerely,

Fran Putnam

Weybridge

**From:** Spencer Putnam <spencerp@sover.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 2, 2017 9:29 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Putting a Price on Carbon

To Whom it may Concern:

Please count me as a Vermonter strongly in favor of putting a much higher price on carbon through some sort of fee structure aimed at reducing the use of fossil fuels. I believe this can and must be done in a way that protects low income and working Vermonters. As a whole, our state will benefit if policies are developed which will encourage local alternative energy sources and weatherization. This will stimulate our economy by keeping some of the money we currently send out of state in state and through the creation of jobs which cannot be exported.

Spence Putnam

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**From:** James Wuertele Energy Coordinator <jwwec@myfairpoint.net>  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 1, 2017 2:51 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** carbon tax policy suggestion

As Energy Coordinator for the Town of St. Johnsbury, I feel I must at least know what the numbers are for a carbon tax amount and potential impact on the cost of living in Vermont.

I am in favor of a Carbon Tax, but with allowances to low-income fuel buyers to be free of it some method similar to those already used by other taxing entities (see below).

Also, please consider publishing the two numbers when proposing this tax to the public:

A. Carbon Taxation rate per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> (use a metric ton to be able to compare with those taxes now assed overseas).

1. International Carbon taxes:

[Carbon Taxation review as of 2014]

The concept of putting a value on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions started in **1990** (EPA, 2013a) with the introduction of a carbon tax by **Finland**, in January of that year. However, the rate of carbon tax was low and “the tax rate has evolved from €1.12/t Carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in 1990 to €20/t CO<sub>2</sub> in 2010” (Ministry of Environment, Finland, **2012**).

**Quebec** (Canada) was the first province (state) to start a carbon tax in North America on October 1, **2007**.

**British Columbia** (Canada) introduced a carbon tax on July 1, **2008** at a rate of \$CAN10 per metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> and rose to \$CAN30 in July **2012** (Carbon-tax, 2014).

**Sweden** started a carbon tax in **1991**, which has significantly increased over time, and presently it is more than €100 per tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> (Sweden Gov., 2014).

2. Domestic Carbon Taxes [as of 2014]:

The city of **Boulder** (Colorado) implemented the United States’ first tax on carbon emissions from electricity, on April 1, **2007**, at a level of approximately \$USD7 per ton of carbon (Carbon-tax, 2014).

B. The added cost of materials affected by this tax to suppliers and retailers. How would this be calculated? Whatever the method, and there are methods used by others, this should be published so people see how the carbon tax might affect them. We should not mention carbon taxing with out both numbers published.

Here is the reference link I used regarding carbon taxes now levied elsewhere:

<https://vtdigger.org/2017/01/10/tom-hughes-good-start-scott/#.WbvFiYprzdQ>

Sincerely,

James Wuertele

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**From:** Akara Draper <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2017 12:05 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on pollution

Sep 30, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

this is a time tested solution for reducing our carbon footprint. It is effective because it is the large corporations who get hit the hardest.

The low income people do not find hardly any increase for their gas purchases.

Often, people think that it is the residents themselves who end up paying for the tax increase. It is not or I would not support it.

Thank you for listening

Sincerely,

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**From:** sue knightes &t;dsknightes@myfairpoint.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 3:45 PM  
**To:** Walke, Peter  
**Subject:** Comments on last night's meeting in St. Albans

.Thank you for last night's comment session and your patient listening to those in attendance.I hadn't planned on commenting but after hearing what was said I would like to add some points that I believe may have been overlooked.

-With my first "real" job in 1968 I have never had a job that I did not carpool. As a teacher I was always able to find someone in the building to commute with even though I usually lived 20-30 miles from the school. When I left teaching to work with my husband at our pharmacy in St. Albans we still rode together. As a commuting college student I always carpooled even when taking one graduate course at UVM. Carpooling is an aspect that is not emphasized enough in Vermont. Vermonters are fiercely independent and need to be convinced of the logic of carpooling and its effectiveness on their pocket books. Saving money is something that is more important to many people than is the environment. Aim for the pocketbook and you may have a better outcome and more support.

-Improved train service We need to provide more trains between Vermont communities, out of state and Montreal. High speed would be nice but anything would be better than what we have. It took a bit of time to convince people that bus service is not such a bad option. Once again, in rural communities buses for work or play are a novelty and not what many Vermonters grew up knowing. Being from Albany-Schenectady I grew up using the buses while still in junior high school. Most Vermonters have not.

-Educate people on what the carbon tax is and, preferably, stay away from the word tax. Surcharge or some such term would be more readily acceptable to people as far too many believe that we as a state are over-taxed. What a misconception that is! Define the carbon "tax" to the public and you might have more on board with the concept. Most opponents of this concept are afraid of more taxation

.Obviously, you can see my teacher influence in that I believe that educating the general public as to how they can save money(and the environment) while cutting down on pollution is the best way to get this point across. Many still do not believe that we have a climate problem but if you can talk about the pocketbook affect they might listen more attentively.Thank you for listening.

A proponent of the carbon "tax"

M. Susan Knightes

**From:** Yoder Ryan <raigai@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Considerations for Climate Action Commission  
**Attachments:** climate action commission.docx

Attached are my considerations for the commission. I was at the Manchester hearing and was very glad that you all held it! &nbsp;Thanks for doing this work.

Ryan Yoder

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**From:** WILLAM CHRISTIAN <bill\_christian@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 1:00 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Actions Commission listening tour comments

My name is Bill Christian and I live in North Bennington, and I want to thank you for listening to the people of Vermont. I'm writing because the rapid and irreversible rise in carbon dioxide keeps me awake at night. Nothing is more important to me than the survival of our children and their children.

Putting a price on carbon pollution is the most effective thing we can do to fight this. Level-headed conservative economists tell us it's the most successful and fairest action we can take. If you pollute, you pay, and you can stop polluting and paying in whatever way you chose. We Vermonters must take the first step with this, and then hope and pray that our neighbors also do what's right. If we don't, we are lost and we'll write off our descendants. It is up to us.

We must also welcome and promote the clean sustainable power that's necessary for modern life. We can't let illogical or untrue concepts slow or stop our progress. If we use energy, we must pick the least harmful sources. If we choose to continue burning billions of cubic feet of fracked gas because wind farms expose us to noise, without understanding that cars expose us to hundreds of times more noise, then we've failed.

Thanks again for listening to us.

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**From:** Gregory J. McHugo <Gregory.J.McHugo@dartmouth.edu>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 15, 2017 9:48 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time

Dear members of the Governor's Climate Action Commission,

I support coordinated, immediate, and far-reaching policies to cut pollution (especially carbon emissions) and to stimulate growth in the Vermont economy. More concretely, I support a tax on carbon pollution that increases gradually over the next 10 years. This is not just a good idea, it is imperative. Our lawmakers, in Vermont and across the U.S., have long been irresponsible in regard to climate change and our role in slowing its progress. Vermont needs to be a leader — facing the facts and acting accordingly.

As has been shown in multiple studies, incentivizing the switch from fossil fuels to clean energy also provides a boost to the economy. Sustainable energy production creates jobs — for example, witness the growth in solar energy production across the country. This is a case where doing the right thing to curb climate change is also the right thing to grow a local economy.

I have no doubt that Vermonters will support decisive and meaningful action. It's all about the world that our children, grandchildren, and their children will inherit. What will be our legacy as stewards of Vermont's environment and economy? The Commission is in a position to make crucial changes and to reassure us that our state government is acting with wisdom and a sense of duty to all Vermonters.

Sincerely,

Greg McHugo

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**From:** Emma Schneider <emmaschneider17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 8:44 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

Dear Climate Action Commission,

I am a new resident of Vermont (as of this May) and am hoping to continue to live in the state for the rest of my life and to someday raise children here. As such, the environmental well-being of the state is of the utmost concern to me. I am not able to attend one of the Climate Action Public Comments, but I would like you to know that responding to climate change in a sustainable, equitable manner is my first concern as a voter. Please do all that you can to transition VT to 100% renewable energy as quickly as possible. Please also support efforts to expand public transportation/bike and pedestrian friendliness and to protect our waterways and forests. I am proud to be a resident of a state that does so much for its people and its environment. Please help us continue to be an environmental leader, with the goal of being ever more so. I support a carbon tax and other similar measures to lower usage of fossil fuels in our state, especially if the revenue from this tax is used to offset the increased energy costs for low-income residents, increase use of renewables, and support environmental education.

Climate change is the most important issue of our time. It impacts everything. Please do all you can to help our community to be sustainable and resilient as we move forward.

Thank you,

Emma Schneider

**From:** TheWrightWords4U &t;thewrightwords4u@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 14, 2017 7:28 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Damaging effects of pollution

Even here, high on the ridge in Cabot Vermont; Is the parent while hiking through the woods that the trees are sickening from pollution while Warming temperatures bring new pests the damage them.

The state of Vermont should continue and even increase its efforts to fight carbon omissions in order to preserve our ecological health.

I sincerely hope that you will continue to work on our behalf to maintain the health and beauty of our waterways and forest lands.

Sincerely,

Alexander R. Anlyan  
Cabot VT.

**From:** Sue Morris <suereel@editide.us>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 12, 2017 2:13 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Cleaner-greener

Hi there:

We are writing to support a campaign by VPIRG in support of clean energy. We support a carbon tax and any other measures to cut pollution and increase use of sustainable sources of energy, such as wind and solar.

Thanks for listening,

Sue and John Morris

If now isn't a good time for the truth, I don't see when we'll get to it. —Nikki Giovanni

Sue Morris

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**From:** gpaynevt@gmail.com on behalf of Guy Payne <guy@seon.info>  
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**Cc:** Theresa; <jonathan@mindelmorse.com>  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission  
**Attachments:** Abbreviated SEON Commentary for the Commons (2) final.docx

Hello All,

Thank you all for coming last night and lending your ear to folks in our community.

I've attached an abbreviated "Commentary" that was sent to our local weekly newspaper. My hope is that this will serve as a follow-up to my request for a revision to the criteria for participation in the Vermont Training Program. It also links with Alex Wilson's recommendation for increased public education.

SEON has on the books 3 training programs to be instructed by Peter Yost (Vice-President, BuildingGreen and one of the country's foremost trainers) for this Fall. These are courses designed for the incumbent workforce and already I see that we will have to cancel one for lack of enrollment, and worry this will be the same for the other two. Our small residential and light commercial builders who are key to our climate change economy do not have the resources to pay for state-of-the-art training and they do not qualify for enrollment in the program.&nbsp; The VNRC has one of its priorities:

- **Prioritize building a clean energy workforce**, including training and recruitment and incentive programs to build this growing and essential sector of Vermont's economy.

We need to make adjustments to the Vermont Training Program, but more importantly we need to develop a workforce development system that doesn't just focus on projects but on an infrastructure that is sustainable and has an impact on industry sectors. What we have today is not working for the green building industry.

Thanks again for your time and attention.

**Guy**

Guy Payne

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**From:** Lisa Laberge <lisa@grassrootsolar.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 8:04 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Comment for Vermont Climate Action Committee

Dear Climate Commission:

I was in the audience for the Manchester tour of the Climate Commission. What I heard was many people working out their fear, grief and frustration and that was useful, but I didn't hear many creative solutions.

*You need to win hearts in order to change minds.* What we need is a robust marketing campaign to persuade Vermonters over to renewables for their own homes. This is a 'kitchen table' issue. My family has solar, drives an electric car, and we are about to replace our propane heater with an electric heat source. If many Vermont homes made changes like these, we can be an example for the rest of the country.

I would convene a panel of the best minds in marketing in Vermont to come up with a marketing campaign that will reach all Vermonters. Tap into the resources and talent that is in our state. Renewables beat fossil fuels as the better energy source in every way so you are selling a winner right off the bat. If we want to get to 90% renewable by 2050, we need to persuade Vermonters to choose the better choice for their everyday lifestyle.

Keep the marketing simple and easy for the average person to understand. Maybe use the power of self-identifying groups in your ad campaign. And, please devise some rebates. People love to save money, even if it is a small amount.

Here is one idea. The logo would be a traffic light and it would be a competition among a list of self-identifying groups.

## **RACE TO GO GREEN**

Farmers Go Green

Teachers Go Green

Inn Keepers Go Green

Brewers Go Green

etc.

Each step they take earns them points towards their group's goal. The prize would be funding for a non-profit to Go Green. Vermonters are very giving and love to help non-profits.

Make it fun! You will attract a broader audience if you make this process enjoyable.

Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa

Lisa Laberge

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**From:** James Burde <james@teiki.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 11:10 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** VCAC public hearing

To whom it may concern:

We are writing to ask the Governor and his Commission to show genuine leadership by coming to the table and considering Vermonters' recommendations for real climate solutions. These include:

- Prioritize building a clean energy workforce, including training and recruitment and incentive programs to build this growing and essential sector of Vermont's economy.
- Make smart investments with the \$18.7 million Environmental Mitigation Trust funds that the state will receive as part of the Volkswagen diesel emission settlement. The state should invest in the most impactful greenhouse gas and public health-benefitting strategies possible – not “clean” diesel. Investments could include solutions such as electrifying bus fleets and more.
- Put a price on carbon pollution because it's the most effective and efficient way to reduce fossil fuel consumption and reduce taxes on other things that Vermonters value, like income, property or sales. A well-crafted carbon pollution tax – one that protects and supports low and middle income earners in particular – could reap significant environmental and economic benefits for Vermont.
- Maintain and strengthen policies that support a smart, strategic and inclusive transition to clean energy. Recent policies to support include: The 2015 Renewable Portfolio Standard and its cost- and climate pollution-cutting “Tier 3” energy transformation requirement as well as the Comprehensive Energy Planning underway via Act 174, where municipalities and regions are helping outline how they want to see the 90% renewable energy by 2050 goal implemented in their communities.

Thank you,

James & Kay Burde

James Burde



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**From:** mima tipper <mimatip@gmail.com>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** re: tonight's climate change hearing

• **Dear Gov. Scott,**

• **I am in complete agreement with VNRC's top elements on which to focus for our state's response to climate change.**

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• **Prioritize building a clean energy workforce**, including training and recruitment and incentive programs to build this growing and essential sector of Vermont's economy.

• **Make smart investments with the \$18.7 million Environmental Mitigation Trust funds that the state will receive as part of the Volkswagen diesel emission settlement.** The state should invest in the most impactful greenhouse gas and public health-benefitting strategies possible – not “clean” diesel. Investments could include solutions such as electrifying bus fleets and more.

• **Put a price on carbon pollution** because it's the most effective and efficient way to reduce fossil fuel consumption and reduce taxes on other things that Vermonters value, like income, property or sales. A well-crafted carbon pollution tax – one that protects and supports low and middle income earners in particular – could reap significant environmental and economic benefits for Vermont.

• **Maintain and strengthen policies that support a smart, strategic and inclusive transition to clean energy.** Recent policies to support include: The 2015 Renewable Portfolio Standard and its cost- and climate pollution-cutting “Tier 3” energy transformation requirement as well as the Comprehensive Energy Planning underway via Act 174, where municipalities and regions are helping outline how they want to see the 90% renewable energy by 2050 goal implemented in their communities.

Thanks so much for your attention,

Mima Tipper, Burlington, Vermont

**From:** Colin Henshaw <cohensn1987a@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 1:58 AM  
**To:** Steve Davis; ANR - VCAC  
**Cc:** bill@GrassrootsSolar.com; Alan@SustainableDesignOfVT.com; vlyons@leg.state.vt.us; KR.LA@burlingtontelecom.net; pete@darksky.org; mmotta@massmed.org  
**Subject:** Re: [Transition Towns - Manchester] Governor Scott (VT) wants input from the public as to what we should do on the state level to address climate change.

**I concur. In addition, if not already stated, low colour temperature LED lighting (not exceeding 2300K in residential and suburban areas) should be installed, and subject to an 11p.m. till dawn curfew in those same areas. Motion operated lighting can be introduced in residential and suburban areas where the volume of pedestrian and vehicular traffic is not high. This technology is available, so there is no excuse for not taking advantage of it, so the savings in terms of money and energy will be enormous. Lighting should not be installed in rural areas unless absolutely necessary.**

**Colin.**

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**From:** Steve Davis <w2sgd@juno.com>  
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**Subject:** [Transition Towns - Manchester] Governor Scott (VT) wants input from the public as to what we should do on the state level to address climate change.

Whatever happened to H.28 (2005-2006), which was "... to establish state policy regarding outdoor lighting and to establish an advisory board with a mandate to develop and update outdoor lighting guidelines designed to **limit illumination levels, prevent glare, reduce light pollution, prevent light trespass and promote energy efficiency?**" It became the law of the land. One member of the advisory board told me they never met.

Did the lighting industry "pull a fast one" and have it overturned?

Attached is a copy of the bill. The only thing I would change, which is highlighted in yellow, is to remove Section 591 (d) "... or luminaires that are constructed so that no more than two percent to the total luminaire lumens in the zone 90 degrees to 180 degrees vertical is permitted if the related output of the luminaire is greater than 3,200 lumens." and (1) (D) below "Use of outdoor lighting fixtures that emit no more than two percent of light above the horizontal plane." It conflicts with everything else in the bill and "smacks" of NEMA's hold over the State and The People of Vermont. There are more than enough luminaires that do qualify at zero percent at 90 degrees and above and have less glare.

An answer would be appreciated and even better would be to reinstate the law with the changes noted above.

Your truly,  
Stephen Davis, MSEE

**From:** Bruce Lierman <liermans@comcast.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 25, 2017 12:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Comments for the committee

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the public meeting in Manchester last Thursday.

Due to the time limits at the meeting, I wasn't able to present all of my thoughts on this committee's important work.

A more complete response is provided below.

I welcome Governor Scott's appointment of the Climate Action Committee to investigate and recommend ways our state can act to mitigate the effects of climate change.

I also welcome Governor Scott's mandate to conduct this work in keeping with his administrative goals - to strengthen the economy, make Vermont more affordable, and protect the most vulnerable.

The question this committee must answer is: How can we maintain a stable, productive economy, plan for a turbulent future at the lowest possible cost to our citizens and environment, protect the most vulnerable, and insure an equitable distribution of benefits and impacts across Vermont?

We have already experienced the disruption future storms will bring during Irene, Sandy, and recently the flooding of last June. By all forecasts, we can expect these events with greater frequency in the future. No matter what steps we are able to implement to forestall the worst effects of climate change, climate change is here and we are going to feel its effects.

Perhaps the most important work of this committee is to frame our response as *transforming* the economy, not growing the economy.

This committee needs to convey the message that economic growth in the traditional sense is completely contrary to developing a sustainable, resilient economy for the future. We want an active, innovative economy focused on local needs and productive employment in challenging times.

We need to define systems where human and machine labor are used appropriately and wisely;

- Develop our economy around renewable energy initiatives, supported by continuing incentives for transition away from carbon fuels. A tax on carbon is a proven, necessary and effective tool to this end. Carbon fuels should be viewed as a resource reserved for only the most critical emergencies and disaster response.
- Weatherization as the cheapest and most available means to reduce overall energy consumption and protect vulnerable citizens.
- High density, village-based development regulations to reduce energy, transportation and information infrastructure costs and expansion. Those who insist on living at the end of the "last mile" must be aware of, and willing to accept, the real cost of that choice.

I ask the committee to make resiliency an explicit part of our community and statewide culture.

- Strategically stage tools and energy sources locally for recovery and re-establishment of critical infrastructure.

- Improve networked, smart grid communications and energy technology to provide local resiliency. Communities who support local renewable energy generation should expect those resources will be available to them locally in times of disruption.
- Promote local food processing for preservation and storage.
- Develop robust community organizations to insure all community resources are used effectively and equitably.
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As a note on this last request, I once worked for an organization that had what we called the “Swiss Army”. There’s a saying about the Swiss;

“Switzerland doesn’t have an army; it *is* an army.” For generations, able-bodied Swiss citizens have been trained, assigned and equipped to perform a specific function in time of crisis, as part of an organized effort or, if need be, as an individual.

In our company, during times of unusual business activity, everyone in the company had an alternate assignment to help out with the stressed function until the situation was resolved. I ask this committee to investigate the organization of community and neighborhood groups who could respond to disruptions of community functions by climate or other events.

The purpose would be to provide emergency preparedness & response in critical areas until the situation was stabilized:

- Medical support - provide logistical and physical support for available medical personnel
- Energy support - Implement backup energy generation and distribution schemes
- Transportation support - operate equipment, deploy alternate roadway structures and emergency transportation networks
- Communications - set up and operate communications between emergency personnel and the general public through all forms of communication
- Neighborhood teams - train and equip neighborhood resources to contact vulnerable neighbors, assess damage, and communicate with emergency response organizations.

One way to implement these programs at the least possible cost might be to provide tax incentives (property tax rebates or reduced rates) for emergency preparedness participation.

I also ask the state consider teaching resiliency, and individual roles, in schools at the high school level and below:

- Discussions in the classroom
- Participation in drills and exercises
- Advancement to positions of responsibility in emergency preparedness (the Hahn school model)

Thank you for providing the opportunity for citizens like me to contribute to this important discussion.

I’ve made many requests and suggestions in this email. Please contact me if you have questions about any of them.

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**From:** Wendy Leffel <wlleffel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 2:22 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Reduce fossil fuel - offer VT state meetings through internet

Hi,

I am happy to hear of the formation of this committee and look forward to reading your findings and recommendations.

One way Vermont could reduce the use of fossil fuel for transportation is to use existing internet teleconferencing technology for Vermont state agency meetings. There are a number of Vermonters who drive from Southern Vermont to Montpelier, Waterbury or Burlington to attend meetings. A great deal of wasted time and gas could be saved and pollution prevented if Vermont state agencies used 21st century technology for meetings as many businesses do.

Thank you for your consideration,

Wendy Leffel

**From:** Al.Blakey <ablakey@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:54 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** C A C P Comment  
**Attachments:** CostPerKwHr.jpg

Placing a tax on carbon, paid by the end user, is not the solution. As with any product price drives consumption and the more something costs the less likely people are to purchase it. That's fine if it is a luxury purchase. Driving gas hog SUVs does not reduce the consumption it exacerbates it. People who can afford those vehicles could care less about the price of gas. The cost of selling the product as in impact on the profit margin is where the tax must be applied. Given no other choice but to purchase gas to get to work the consumer has no choice but to pay even when they can not afford to, as it is. Any 'tax' on fossil fuels must be paid by the manufacturer with out recourse to recover from the consumer in any way. The true cost of coal, oil, nuclear, and natural gas has been paid by the tax payer long enough it is about time the corporation profits took the hit.

Address the true cost of fossil fuel power sources. Present up front the hidden costs, paid by tax payers for decades, so that corporations could make their profits.

Place subsidies for renewable energy on par with fossil fuel. Better yet exchange the ratios by providing the biggest money to renewables. Let's see how long the fossil fuels industry takes to drop and run to the renewable side of the equation.

I have had PV solar on my home since July 2010. The \$10,023 14 panel system, purchased cash, provides about half my power needs. I have recovered \$4,524.36 in savings to date. The system has produced 21.7 megawatt hours to date. The system today costs me \$0.2529 per kWhr. A week ago it was \$0.2545. That rate goes down each day as the panels produce more. Allowing home owners a buy in at a price that would quickly be at grid parity would go a long way to making distributed PV solar affordable. Renewable energy should not follow the paradigm of production, only by corporations and their profits. We should all be able to affordably participate in the green energy movement. Ensure economical distributed power production continues.

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 2:53 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

## [A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

**First Name:** Alfred  
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### **Recommendation 1**

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### **Recommendation 2**

Address the true cost of fossil fuel power sources. Present up front the hidden costs, paid by tax payers for decades, so that corporations could make their profits.

### **Recommendation 3**

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### **Other Considerations**

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**From:** Daniel Hoviss <daniel@putney.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 10:55 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Cc:** Johanna Miller  
**Subject:** Comments for task force

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Here are some of my thoughts;

1. Reverse the continued lowering of the solar adder incentives. This alone has caused many lost jobs as people put off the purchase of solar power.
2. Stop catering to out of state energy conglomerates. These companies are not actually as Green as it seems. Gmp should not be able to retire solar credits after 1 year. One look at the tree shading the solar installation in Westminster tells the story.
3. Grandfather all incentives for solar installations made before rule changes, so that homeowners, businesses and investors are not faced with a constantly changing return on their investment. The rules in effect at purchase time should not change for the lifetime of the project.
4. Actually support community solar installations by carving out a special rate structure and waiving some of the more stringent siting requirements for those 150kW installations that sell a large portion of panels to the community.
5. Establish a fund to help offset the cost of purchasing solar panels for LMI households and require a utility to offer on-bill financing. This would work far better than the current EAP where social welfare simply offsets the bill. Currently there is no incentive to get off the LMI program. Home owners that are able to afford solar would be off the program in 10 to 12 years while generating a large portion of their power to cover the bills.
6. Really stop spending ungodly sums of money on park and rides and other car centric infrastructure projects. Money allocated to those projects is lost to other more environmentally friendly options like bike paths and a real electric car charging station network.
7. Mandate that any new construction include solar hot water / thermal or pv.
8. Include and create larger business tax incentives for business to make use of large roof tops, big box store parking lots and unused fields.
9. Create a legal structure and loan loss fund to address community solar on leased buildings to mitigate risk associated with the complexity of these arrangements?. Empty buildings should be required to have solar panels.
10. Remove the "un recoverable cost" line items from the power bill. A solar credit is a credit! So it should apply to the entire bill.
11. Actually support no idling by instructing all state, town, trucking businesses and official organizations to not idle unless it is a real emergency.
12. Require dual battery systems for vehicles that require power so they do not need to idle.
13. Empower the state police to ticket polluters, and idling offences.  
I would be happy to see a new organization developed to curb idling and polluting by allowing empowered citizens to write tickets...
14. Establish a timeline to switch to electric vehicles for all postal, School Bus, delivery and transport vehicles.
15. Commit to 100% renewable energy for all government buildings.
16. Fund electric car and electric bike startups with 0% loans and rent abatement for eligible locations.

17. Establish a ev rebate for bikes and other forms of electric transportation.
18. Fund the train system! Add more lines, and stops. Improve ridership by purchasing back privately owned stations then renovate? them and improve existing stations.
19. Setup a special incentive for battery storage systems, and make it easier to integrate them into existing installations without needing to complete new cpgs.
20. Mandate all lighting for all government and public buildings be replaced with LED or ultra high efficiency bulbs.
21. Mandate all public facilities use motion sensing, including park and rides, where lighting can switch to low power mode unless there is activity on the lot.
22. Require all new governmental facilities offset 100% of the power with renewables.
23. Double the efficiency vt incentives for home and businesses. Low hanging fruit has been picked.
24. Add sheltered bike racks to all bus stops and government buildings.
25. Require buses and trains to carry more bikes with racks front and back, or inside.

These are just a few thoughts, sure I could come up with more...

Good luck changing the entrenched establishment.

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**From:** Douglas Grandt <answerthecall@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 9:30 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Re: VCAC - Doug Grandt testimony supplement #1

Dear Hannah et al. on VCAC and VNRC,

As I sent the email below, several paragraphs were dropped (my phone email has been doing this lately, I don't know why) so I am reconstructing what I had previously typed and it should be inserted into my earlier email at the position marked by <INSERT PARAGRAPHS HERE> below.

Best regards,

Doug Grandt

Putney VT

350ppm and 1°C global average temperature rise over pre-industrial is the current widely expected target for CO2 reductions, which supersedes the 2°C target that has been used by UNFCCC COP and IPCC.

I learned in 2007 from IPCC chairman Rajendra Pachauri that even with achieving 2°C rise over preindustrial, 2 billion people will be affected by drought, heat waves, extreme weather, flooding, hunger, thirst, starvation, diseases and displacement by sea level rise while 30% of all species will be coming extinct as a result of this relatively moderate rise in temperature.

Dr. James Hansen has prepared testimony for our children's trust lawsuit against the US government which explains the current thinking about achieving 1°C maximum sustainable average temperature. It will require sequestration of CO2 in addition to reducing CO2 emissions.

A few organizations including Citizens Climate Lobby, several Senators and Representatives, and thousands of citizens are calling for "a carbon tax" with various starting levels and a variety of annual increasing scenarios. There has not been a single definitive study as to the appropriate level of carbon fee that would result in reductions of CO2 emissions, which is why everyone of these proposals includes a steadily increasing rate on the expectation that at some point in the future The rate will become effective and maybe level off.

The first carbon fee legislation proposal in 1990 was based on \$30 per ton of carbon with a annual increase until such point that emissions begin to fall because there was no idea when that would occur. The office of budget and management assessed that level as being too low to be effective and that \$100 per ton of carbon was needed. That was in 1990-1992, and the Representative was Fortney "Pete" Stark of California.

(Note that one ton of carbon makes 3.67 tons of CO<sub>2</sub>. It is not clear to me whether Mr. Stark meant "carbon" as stated in his bills or if he intended "CO<sub>2</sub>".)

All of the current proposals are really nothing more than variations on that original proposal by Pete Stark.

The effective level of a carbon fee has not been tested, but one group (IOP Science's publication) has concluded that different fuel types in different sectors have different sensitivities to a range of levels of carbon fees. Fuel types include natural gas, gasoline, diesel, kerosene, propane, fuel oil, coal, bitumen, etc. Sectors include passenger vehicles (cars, buses, light trucks); freight vehicles (trucks and rail); aircraft; boats and ships; construction and agricultural equipment; residential, commercial and industrial boilers, ovens, and heaters; and industrial processes.

Without consideration for the likely impact of "a carbon tax" on each of the various fuels and sectors, the resulting reduction and timeframe is uncertain. The science demands a certainty in timeframe to abandon carbon fuels.

Vermont can help begin concrete verifiable reductions in emissions by **imposing a cap** on the importation, distribution and combustion of hydrocarbon fuels within our state—a **cap that declines to zero** over a finite time period, and by **steadily measuring compliance** with verifiable metrics and easily captured data.

If we are serious about aggressively addressing and taking control of the root cause of global warming, we must determine what is most effective and what are verifiable metrics of success.

My personal metric for the project I have been working on for five years is this set of hashtags: #RetireRefineries #OnePerWeek #CountToZero and #ReplaceRefineriesWithRenewables.

I will be happy with **one refinery retired** as a beginning and then **one retired refinery retired every week** for 15 years.

According to Dr. James Hansen's paper published December 3, 2014, this trajectory should have begun in 2015. (The German Advisory Council on Global Change 2009 publication has a similar set of trajectories.) Hence we are already about 120 refineries in arrears.

There are about 750 refineries worldwide that need to be retired. There are about 2,300 gas and coal fired power plants that need to be retired.

There are innumerable boilers, ovens, heaters and industrial processes. They all must be shut down, electrified, or converted to liquid carbon-free fuels.

The only surefire way to make the shift is to cut off (reduce to zero) the supply of carbon-based fuels and crude feedstocks.

Just as a point of reference, if the 15 refineries shuttered as a result of hurricane Harvey were left off-line, that would represent a minor reduction of 2%-3% of worldwide capacity. That would be a good start, and the impact would be relatively minor. But it would force the oil companies to start establishing a new mindset required for the endgame of the petroleum era.

### **Reference Documents**

[Bit.ly/IOP25Aug25](http://bit.ly/IOP25Aug25) - Multi-tiered C-fee

[Bit.ly/WBGU-2009](http://bit.ly/WBGU-2009) - German Advisory

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Best regards,

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Sent from my iPhone (audio texting)

On Sep 29, 2017, at 7:27 AM, Douglas Grandt <[answerthecall@me.com](mailto:answerthecall@me.com)> wrote:

Dear Hannah et al. on VCAC and VNRC,

This is one of two emails intended to supplement my testimony last night in St. Albans.

The following email arrived in my inbox this morning, coincidentally just a few hours after the St. Albans VCAC hearing.

I am a member of the google group, and have been aware of various trial efforts to remove CO<sub>2</sub> (CD-R) direct air capture (DAC) for several months.

As you can see in this one short thread, which typifies many other recent email exchanges, CD-R or DAC development is well underway, and will be a necessary component of the global effort to bring atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration down to the near pre-industrial level of 300ppm.

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Sent from my iPhone (audio texting)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jim Lerner  
**Date:** September 29, 2017 at 2:30:16 AM EDT  
**To:** Evan Hughes, Healthy Climate Project <[healthy-climate-project@googlegroups.com](mailto:healthy-climate-project@googlegroups.com)>  
**Subject:** Stuart Licht's Method of Carbon Capture

I'm forwarding an email from a fellow CCL colleague. I haven't read the links but wonder what could possibly remove 1,000 gigatons (or is it more than this?) in just 10 years. That's 100 gigs per year.

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From: Bruce Burdick  
Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:27

Are University of California scientists working on Stuart Licht's method of carbon capture? He claims "with a physical area less than 10 percent the size of the Sahara Desert, our process could remove enough CO2 to decrease atmospheric levels to those of the pre-industrial revolution within 10 years"

I would like to know if carbon nanofiber technology has promise, or if we drastically need to reduce the CO2 emissions of Californians.

Here is an article on carbon capture to make carbon nano fibers

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/newsreleases/2015/august/co2.html>

And here is Stuart Licht's contact information:

<https://chemistry.columbian.gwu.edu/stuart-licht>

Thank you for helping us reach a sustainable future,

Bruce

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Headline of the story to which I am responding:

“State considers ban on gas and diesel car engines to bolster electric vehicles.”, page A1  
September 28

Yes, California needs to ban the sale of gas and diesel powered cars. It sounds difficult, but CO2 emissions from gas powered cars will warm the earth more than 1.5 degrees C, which is a worse option.

As we attempt to limit warming to 1.5 degrees C, let us remember the ultimate goal. The world needs to stop global warming and sea level rise. That requires global temperatures to decrease 0.85 degrees C. That requires each of us to emit less CO2 than the forests of the world absorb on our behalf. That requires each of us to emit less CO2 than it currently takes to grow our food (unless we develop a carbon capture technique that takes more CO2 out of the air than the forests of the world).

Stuart Licht, Ph.D., of George Washington University claims he can take CO2 from the air and turn it into carbon nanofibers.

“We calculate that with a physical area less than 10 percent the size of the Sahara Desert, our process could remove enough CO2 to decrease atmospheric levels to those of the pre-industrial revolution within 10 years”

California should ban gas and diesel powered cars, and use Cap and Trade money to investigate Stuart Licht’s carbon capture technology.

Reference:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/newsreleases/2015/august/co2.html>

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'Diamonds from the sky' approach turns CO<sub>2</sub> into valuable products

***Note to journalists: Please report that this research will be presented at a meeting of the American Chemical Society.***

**A press conference on this topic will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Reporters may check-in at Room 153B in person, or watch live on YouTube <http://bit.ly/ACSLiveBoston>. To ask questions online, sign in with a Google account.**

BOSTON, Aug. 19, 2015 — Finding a technology to shift carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the most abundant anthropogenic greenhouse gas, from a climate change problem to a valuable commodity has long been a dream of many scientists and government officials. Now, a team of chemists says they have developed a technology to economically convert atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> directly into highly valued carbon nanofibers for industrial and consumer products.

The team will present brand-new research on this new CO<sub>2</sub> capture and utilization technology at the 250<sup>th</sup> National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society (ACS). ACS is the world's largest scientific society. The national meeting, which takes place here through Thursday, features more than 9,000 presentations on a wide range of science topics.

"We have found a way to use atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> to produce high-yield carbon nanofibers," says Stuart Licht, Ph.D., who leads a research team at George Washington University. "Such nanofibers are used to make strong carbon composites, such as those used in the Boeing Dreamliner, as well as in high-end sports equipment, wind turbine blades and a host of other products."

Previously, the researchers had made fertilizer and cement without emitting CO<sub>2</sub>, which they reported. Now, the team, which includes postdoctoral fellow Jiawen Ren, Ph.D., and graduate student Jessica Stuart, says their research could shift CO<sub>2</sub> from a global-warming problem to a feed stock for the manufacture of in-demand carbon nanofibers.

Licht calls his approach "diamonds from the sky." That refers to carbon being the material that diamonds are made of, and also hints at the high value of the products, such as the carbon nanofibers that can be made from atmospheric carbon and oxygen.

Because of its efficiency, this low-energy process can be run using only a few volts of electricity, sunlight and a whole lot of carbon dioxide. At its root, the system uses electrolytic syntheses to make the nanofibers. CO<sub>2</sub> is broken down in a high-temperature electrolytic bath of molten carbonates at 1,380 degrees F (750 degrees C). Atmospheric air is added to an electrolytic cell. Once there, the CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves when subjected to the heat and direct current through electrodes of nickel and steel. The carbon nanofibers build up on the steel electrode, where they can be removed, Licht says.

To power the syntheses, heat and electricity are produced through a hybrid and extremely efficient concentrating solar-energy system. The system focuses the sun's rays on a photovoltaic solar cell to generate electricity and on a second system to generate heat and thermal energy, which raises the temperature of the electrolytic cell.

Licht estimates electrical energy costs of this "solar thermal electrochemical process" to be around \$1,000 per ton of carbon nanofiber product, which means the cost of running the system is hundreds of times less than the value of product output.

"We calculate that with a physical area less than 10 percent the size of the Sahara Desert, our process could remove enough CO<sub>2</sub> to decrease atmospheric levels to those of the pre-industrial revolution within 10 years," he says.

At this time, the system is experimental, and Licht's biggest challenge will be to ramp up the process and gain experience to make consistently sized nanofibers. "We are scaling up quickly," he adds, "and soon should be in range of making tens of grams of nanofibers an hour."

Licht explains that one advance the group has recently achieved is the ability to synthesize carbon fibers using even less energy than when the process was initially developed. "Carbon nanofiber growth can occur at less than 1 volt at 750 degrees C, which for example is much less than the 3-5 volts used in the 1,000 degree C industrial formation of aluminum," he says.

The team's research has been funded primarily by the [National Science Foundation](#).

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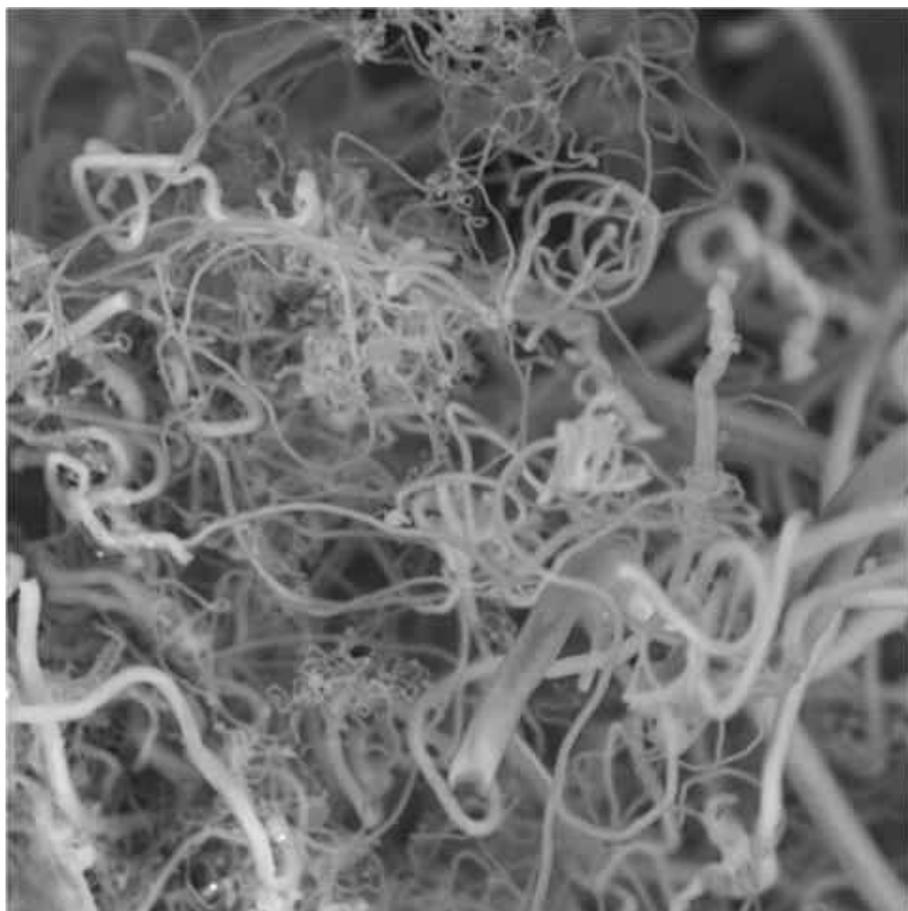
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Researchers are generating carbon nanofibers (above) from CO<sub>2</sub>, removing a greenhouse gas from the air to make products.

Credit: Stuart Licht, Ph.D.

[High-resolution image](#)

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**From:** Steve Davis <w2sgd@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 26, 2017 9:52 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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**Subject:** [Transition Towns - Manchester] Governor Scott (VT) wants input from the public as to what we should do on the state level to address climate change.  
**Attachments:** H.28.pdf

Whatever happened to H.28 (2005-2006), which was "... to establish state policy regarding outdoor lighting and to establish an advisory board with a mandate to develop and update outdoor lighting guidelines designed to **limit illumination levels, prevent glare, reduce light pollution, prevent light trespass and promote energy efficiency?**" It became the law of the land. One member of the advisory board told me they never met.

Did the lighting industry "pull a fast one" and have it overturned?

Attached is a copy of the bill. The only thing I would change, which is highlighted in yellow, is to remove Section 591 (d) "... or luminaires that are constructed so that no more than two percent to the total luminaire lumens in the zone 90 degrees to 180 degrees vertical is permitted if the related output of the luminaire is greater than 3,200 lumens." and (1) (D) below "Use of outdoor lighting fixtures that emit no more than two percent of light above the horizontal plane." It conflicts with everything else in the bill and "smacks" of NEMA's hold over the State and The People of Vermont. There are more than enough luminaires that do qualify at zero percent at 90 degrees and above and have less glare.

An answer would be appreciated and even better would be to reinstate the law with the changes noted above.

Your truly,

Stephen Davis, MSEE

**From:** Virginia Clarke <vclarke@gmavt.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 7, 2017 6:02 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** public comment for the Governor's Climate Action Commission

October 4, 2017  
To the Governor's Climate  
Action Commission:

As a  
Vermonter, I am pleased that we are taking steps to address the ongoing and accelerating climate change crisis. However, it is clear that we must act more quickly and more comprehensively to eliminate our use of fossil fuels if we are to prevent the more extreme outcomes of global warming.

As  
a veterinarian and a member of the Vermont Climate Health Alliance, I am aware that climate change may represent one of the most severe threats to human and animal welfare in the history of our species. Here in Vermont we will not directly experience the most damaging of the climate impacts, but what we are experiencing, and will experience in the future, is cause enough for action.

Storms  
will be more severe and more likely to result in damaging and costly flooding. Water quality will continue to decline as lakes produce more blue-green algae blooms. Mosquito and tick populations will continue to increase, bringing more cases of Lyme disease, West Nile virus and heartworm disease (dogs). Asthma and respiratory illness will increase as the pollen season lengthens, and hot dry summer weather allows for increased wildfires.

Vermont  
wildlife will be impacted, as the conditions for which they evolved will change too fast for them fully adapt to. Our maple and snow sports industries industries will be negatively affected, along with all who depend upon them for their livelihood.

Solutions  
that can be implemented now to move Vermont towards 100% renewables by 2050 include:

- Increasing weatherization programs, and promoting/incentivizing alternative heating methods such as air source heat pumps
- Increasing electric vehicle incentives and infrastructure
- Increasing park and ride usage, supported by short hop public vehicles (village to park and ride) and longer distance/highway rapid transit
- Increasing programs that promote and incentivize photovoltaic panel installation
- Altering our tax structure to represent the true costs of carbon pollution
- Recognizing

that inaction on the climate crisis will be more costly in the long run, and recommitting ourselves to the goal of a complete conversion to renewable energy sources

- Continuing to support regional efforts such as the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and regional mass transit.

One of the most important reasons for Vermont to take these steps is to demonstrate to others that these actions are both possible and cost effective. Alone, we cannot change the course of climate change, but if we can inspire and provide models for others we may be able to influence the national conversation in a positive direction. In addition, we may be able to look our grown grandchildren in the eye and say: "We came to understand the problem, figured out what we needed to do, and did everything we could."

**From:** Daniel Hoviss <daniel@putney.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 6, 2017 8:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Cc:** Nancy Mallery  
**Subject:** Comments, sorted by venue

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Here are some of my thoughts;

## **SOLAR**

1. Reverse the continued lowering of the solar adders and VT incentives. This alone has caused many lost jobs as people put off the purchase of solar power.
  - 1a. Increase and broaden the business incentives for Solar, so it is not just a few LLC type business that benefit.
2. Stop catering to out of state energy conglomerates. These companies are not actually as Green as it seems. Gmp should not be able to retire solar credits after 1 year. One look at the tree shading the solar installation in Westminster tells the story.
3. Grandfather all incentives for solar installations made before rule changes, so that homeowners, businesses and investors are not faced with a constantly changing return on their investment. The rules in effect at purchase time should not change for the lifetime of the project.
4. Actually support community solar installations by carving out a special rate structure and waiving some of the more stringent siting requirements for those 150kW installations that sell a large portion of panels to the community.
5. Establish a fund to help offset the cost of purchasing solar panels for LMI households and require a utility to offer on-bill financing. This would work far better than the current EAP where social welfare simply offsets the bill. Currently there is no incentive to get off the LMI program. Home owners that are able to afford solar would be off the program in 10 to 12 years while generating a large portion of their power to cover the bills.
6. Mandate that any new construction include solar hot water / thermal or pv.
7. Include and create larger business tax incentives for business to make use of large roof tops, big box store parking lots and unused fields.
8. Commit to 100% renewable energy for all government buildings.
9. Create a legal structure and loan loss fund to address community solar on leased buildings to mitigate risk associated with the complexity of these arrangements?. Empty buildings should be required to have solar panels.
10. Remove the "unrecoverable cost" line items from the power bill. A solar credit is a credit! So it should apply to the entire bill.
11. Require all new governmental facilities offset 100% of the power with renewables.
12. Setup a special incentive for battery storage systems, and make it easier to integrate them into existing installations without needing to complete new cpgs.

## **Transportation**

1. Really stop spending ungodly sums of money on park and rides and other car centric infrastructure projects. Money allocated to those projects is lost to other more environmentally friendly options like bike paths and a real electric car charging station network.
2. Actually support no idling by instructing all state, town, trucking businesses and official organizations to not idle unless it is a real

emergency.

3. Require dual battery systems for vehicles that require power so they do not need to idle.

4. Empower the state police to ticket polluters, and idling offences.

I would be happy to see a new organization developed to curb idling and polluting by allowing empowered citizens to write tickets...

5. Establish a timeline to switch to electric vehicles for all postal, School Bus, delivery and transport vehicles.

6. Fund electric car and electric bike startups with 0% loans and rent abatement for eligible locations.

7. Establish a ev rebate for bikes and other forms of electric transportation.

8. Fund the train system! Add more lines, and stops. Improve ridership by purchasing back privately owned stations then renovate? them and improve existing stations.

9. Add sheltered bike racks to all bus stops and government buildings.

10. Require buses and trains to carry more bikes with racks front and back, or inside.

### **Energy Efficiency**

1. Mandate all lighting for all government and public buildings be replaced with LED or ultra-high efficiency bulbs.

2. Mandate all public facilities use motion sensing for lighting, including park and rides, where lighting can switch to low power mode unless there is activity on the lot.

3. Double the efficiency vt incentives for home and businesses. Low hanging fruit has been picked.

4. Mandate all state gov facilities use low flow and automated flow sensors on all rest rooms.

5. Force GMP and other utilities to retire the existing Sodium vapor or Mercury Street lights, (in use everywhere), in favor if LED.

6. Offer tax free days for insulation, and weatherization products once a month.

7. Replace old computer equipment with energy star rated SMALL footprint energy efficient PC's – laptops are the best. But the small form factor PC or MAC mini is a great energy saver. A 19" LCD monitor uses less than a 15" CRT and gives you so much more room on the desktop and in your office.

8. Use recycled paper, and print on both sides, rather than sending out single sided notes to Vermonters.

These are just a few thoughts, sure I could come up with more...

Good luck changing the entrenched establishment.

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**From:** Daniel Shearer <drshearer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 4, 2017 7:34 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Comments for the commission

I spoke in St. Albans, but didn't have written notes to submit, so I'm sharing this now. Thanks for your work.

Please do something unprecedented. We need it. I'm a volunteer EMT at Essex Rescue and twelve years ago, I volunteered to be part of the response to Hurricane Rita. Thirteen ambulance services from Vermont drove to Beaumont, TX to join about 240 total ambulances, staging out of a hockey rink, helping local rescue and emergency department services that had been overwhelmed. I found that when I got there that probably 95% of the EMTs there were getting paid to be there. FEMA was contracting with ambulances at \$70,000-120,000 / month. Our very small component of the overall response to Rita probably cost the federal government about \$25 million. And Rita was much smaller than the three storms we've just experienced. These storms are incredibly expensive, not to mention the long term economic loss. And then, the loss of life and family disruption, creating migrants who must leave their communities. This is all to say that we've chosen a path that is already leading to unprecedented frequency of giant expense and social disruption. We need an unprecedented response. We needed it twenty years ago. At this point, anything that's just another step forward on the current track isn't going to cut it.

**A carbon price** would be unprecedented and it's needed. Any way you can see to do it so that it changes behavior, I'm game. We can't wait for New England or the Federal Government to do this anymore. I don't see how the comprehensive energy plan can succeed without it. We're able to make good progress with our utilities because they are regulated. I don't see another good option for working with unregulated fossil fuels other than rationing or outlawing their use and I think that's much less viable. We are so far off track in home weatherizations and fuel technology switching that we simply must change the calculus to get us there. If you can find another way in which you're confident you can meet the plan, then go for it. But if not, please have the courage to recommend the price on carbon if that's the only way to get there. We ask our nuclear industry to save money for dealing with their waste and decommissioning. We must ask the same of our fossil fuel industry in some way or another, since it turns out that the waste of their product is even more problematic.

**Make it crazy for me *not* to buy an electric car.** I never buy new cars. I buy old cars and run them into the ground. This July, I bought a new Nissan Leaf for around \$14,000 with all the incentives. Seemed crazy not to. But we need every reason we can employ to jump start this electric car economy. How about removing the ~\$1500 in sales tax I paid on this car? It has a 100 mile range...how about having multiple fast chargers within 40 miles of every place in Vermont so that I have confidence that I can charge back up in 30 minutes and keep going? The charging infrastructure is already building out, but rapidly making it comprehensive would provide people with the assurance that they won't run out and might entice out of state electric car owners to vacation in Vermont. How about benefits for EV owners, like preferred parking, free or discounted charging, tax refunds? This could all be a short term, 5-10 year stimulus plan, but anything to make people think twice about buying anything else.

**Make it a state mission to weatherize.** Our current weatherization campaigns are too slow. Each project is unique and it's difficult to quickly show a homeowner what their payback period is like you can do with solar. We need to make it exceptionally cheap or free for people to understand what the weatherization opportunities are in their home and then make it cheap to do the work. We also need more contractors. Some counties don't even had trained weatherization contractors. We need training programs in high schools, because even if we had the money available right now to meet our 80,000 unit goal, we wouldn't have the people who could do it. This needs a state job training and paired incentive package to put people to work

and provide solid skills.

**Comprehensive campaign.** This issue isn't like other issues. It's part of everything we do. It will have such a giant impact on our future. But at the moment, we often think and talk about it as an independent thing, at a similar level with all other issues. This needs to be elevated. Confronting climate change should be part of every government agency's plan. Government should reach out to the private sector to invite them to treat it similarly. The state is already leading the way in many areas. Be more intentional about this and challenge the private sector to match state achievements in a very public fashion. Lead the way.

Thanks for your work...please submit something that you're proud of, that you think will represent real leadership. We can't afford anything short of it.

Best,

Daniel Shearer

**From:** Kathleen Manning (kmanning@uvm.edu) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 30, 2017 6:53 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

Dear The Climate Action Commission,

As a ski instructor at Smuggler's Notch, I directly see the results of climate change: warmer winters, inability to make snow (winter 2015), shorter seasons. The impact of climate change on the snowsports industry, including snow mobiling, will have a dramatic effect on Vermont's economy.

As an owner of an electric car since 2012, I know the value and pleasure of driving one of these cars. Electric cars are not a solution to climate change but one step closer to net zero transportation. We need more action to make these cars affordable and accessible. I'm currently in Europe where Britain and France will be banning the sale of gas powered cars by 2040. Norway will be doing the same by 2025.

As a sailor, I was thrilled to see the new Community Sailing Center building on the waterfront and witness it's commitment to zero use of fossil fuels. This should be a standard for new building in Vermont. It's quite a facility.

I urge Governor Scott to reverse his position on wind development. There are ways to develop wind as a viable alternative to fossil fuels while retaining Vermont's beauty. The recent hurricanes, record high heat this fall (I trust the effect on the foliage will be negative), and increased rainfall and accompanying storm water run-off are more than enough evidence of climate change. We need wind to mitigate carbon pollution. We need to take action, including a carbon tax, before it's too late.

Thank you.

We in VT have experienced the impacts of climate change directly, and we recognize indirect impacts today and the enormous impact that is anticipated in our future. Tropical Storm Irene is just one example of a natural disaster made worse by climate change. Studies have identified the connection between nutrient loading and temperature changes that exacerbate problems in Lake Champlain. Vermont has just experienced two summers in a row where hot and dry conditions have contributed to mountainside soils catching fire. Predictions are for these effects to worsen. Add to this the loss of snow cover for ski areas, declining water quality in our lakes and streams, and the stress and potential loss of our maple sugar industry. And, even though it may happen far away, we are affected by insurance liabilities, gas prices, and increased demand for our tax dollars and personal resources for disaster aid.

Explore and implement opportunities for putting a price on carbon pollution. How can a price on carbon be implemented gradually, so that price signals create an evolutionary shift in our energy economy? How can a carbon tax be implemented in Vermont in an equitable manner, so working Vermonters can understand the signals and respond without bearing a disproportionate share of the burden? How can we apply some of the revenues of carbon pricing to foster efficient deployment of the zero-carbon solutions that establish the energy economy of our future?

Recognize that 100% renewable energy by 2050 is essential in avoiding the most damaging climate impacts. We need to move beyond Vermont's "90% renewable" goal. Science now demonstrates that a rapid transition is essential in avoiding truly devastating and lasting climate change impacts. That means dropping our reliance on fossil fuels for heating and transportation. It means incentivizing carbon-neutral alternatives. It means recognizing the loss of the carbon sinks due to massive hydro development to our north: Hydro Quebec is neither "renewable" nor "carbon-neutral".

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Expand Vermont's zero-carbon transportation choices, with a strong focus on mass transit based on renewable generation. Transportation is Vermont's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and as the sector projected to grow the fastest, it is imperative that we seek deep-change solutions. Electric buses and improving bicycle-friendly and pedestrian-friendly streets are important. The long term shift requires re-thinking community design as well, away from spread-out settlements that demand automobiles, to compact villages that allow people to stay out of their cars.

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Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Additional testimony - Sept 21. Manchester -

Tie climate action policies into the state's affordability goals. Example:

The Climate Action Commission should develop policies that will reduce vehicular carbon emissions in a manner that simultaneously addresses Vermont's serious cost of living issue.

While a carbon tax will certainly help to reduce usage of combustion engines it will also exacerbate Vermont's *affordability* problem. Any measures that will negatively affect the pocketbooks of Vermont's most vulnerable residents will cause hardship, resentment and resistance of sensible climate action initiatives.

Given the sparsely settled nature of most communities in Vermont, efficient public transportation is unlikely to become available to most Vermonters. Thus, practical daily living requirements will continue to require flexible and autonomous transportation for a vast segment of the state's residents. For many, this imposes an onerous cost burden.

Electric cars may offer the state an opportunity to address carbon emissions and affordability issues simultaneously. The electric car industry has clearly reached takeoff speed. A growing majority of car manufacturers are making electric vehicles, all Volvos will be electric or hybrid in less than two years, public charging stations are slowly proliferating, 500,000 people have put deposits down for Tesla's longer range electric vehicles, three countries have set dates for exclusive use of electric vehicles: Norway in seven years, India in 12 years, and France by 2040.

Adopting bold policies to encourage the rapid adoption of electric vehicles will make a significant dent on the state's carbon emissions and make less-expensive, easier-to-maintain cars available to lower-income Vermonters in need of essential transportation.

Here are some suggested policy initiatives:

- ◆ Sharply reduce sales tax and registration fees on electric vehicles while, with a delay, progressively raising the same for combustion engine vehicles.
- ◆ Vermont governmental leadership (executive & legislative) should encourage (by proclamation, jaw-boning industry executives, enacting laws that would encourage its use, etc.) the development of a **Peoples Electric Vehicle** -- a bare essentials, practical and inexpensive electric vehicle --- a 21st century VW Bug.
- ◆ Vehicles meeting the target cost, convenience & safety criteria, would have no sales tax and a nominal registration fee.
- ◆ Residents requiring a vehicle for commuting to work whose income is below a certain threshold could register for

subsidized *'charge'card* at public charging stations.

- ◆ Encourage, and possibly subsidize, a proliferation of public charging stations (solar fed where feasible) sufficient to meet resident, tourist, & commercial demand when 100% of Vermont registered vehicles are electric.
- ◆ At the right time, as above policies are developed and come on stream, announce that **only** electric consumer vehicles will be allowed to register in the State as of 20XX. Do same for commercial vehicles as supply meeting different demands allows.
- ◆ Encourage all electric companies to offer super low off-peak rates for home vehicle chargers.

Respectfully,

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**From:** Douglas Grandt <answerthecall@me.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 29, 2017 7:28 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** VCAC - Doug Grandt testimony supplement #1

Dear Hannah et al. on VCAC and VNRC,

This is one of two emails intended to supplement my testimony last night in St. Albans.

The following email arrived in my inbox this morning, coincidentally just a few hours after the St. Albans VCAC hearing.

I am a member of the google group, and have been aware of various trial efforts to remove CO2 (CD-R) direct air capture (DAC) for several months.

As you can see in this one short thread, which typifies many other recent email exchanges, CD-R or DAC development is well underway, and will be a necessary component of the global effort to bring atmospheric CO2 concentration down to the near pre-industrial level of 300ppm.

Sent from my iPhone (audio texting)

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jim Lerner  
**Date:** September 29, 2017 at 2:30:16 AM EDT  
**To:** Evan Hughes, Healthy Climate Project <[healthy-climate-project@googlegroups.com](mailto:healthy-climate-project@googlegroups.com)>  
**Subject:** Stuart Licht's Method of Carbon Capture

I'm forwarding an email from a fellow CCL colleague. I haven't read the links but wonder what could possibly remove 1,000 gigatons (or is it more than this?) in just 10 years. That's 100 gigs per year.

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From: Bruce Burdick  
Date: Thu, Sep 28, 2017 at 2:27

Are University of California scientists working on Stuart Licht's method of carbon capture? He claims "with a physical area less than 10 percent the size of the Sahara Desert, our process could remove enough CO2 to decrease atmospheric levels to those of the pre-industrial revolution within 10 years"

I would like to know if carbon nonofiber technology has promise, or if we drastically need to reduce the

CO2 emissions of Californians.

Here is an article on carbon capture to make carbon nano fibers

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/newsreleases/2015/august/co2.html>

And here is Stuart Licht's contact information:

<https://chemistry.columbian.gwu.edu/stuart-licht>

Thank you for helping us reach a sustainable future,

Bruce

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Headline of the story to which I am responding:

“State considers ban on gas and diesel car engines to bolster electric vehicles.”, page A1 September 28

Yes, California needs to ban the sale of gas and diesel powered cars. It sounds difficult, but CO2 emissions from gas powered cars will warm the earth more than 1.5 degrees C, which is a worse option.

As we attempt to limit warming to 1.5 degrees C, let us remember the ultimate goal. The world needs to stop global warming and sea level rise. That requires global temperatures to decrease 0.85 degrees C. That requires each of us to emit less CO2 than the forests of the world absorb on our behalf. That requires each of us to emit less CO2 than it currently takes to grow our food (unless we develop a carbon capture technique that takes more CO2 out of the air than the forests of the world).

Stuart Licht, Ph.D., of George Washington University claims he can take CO<sub>2</sub> from the air and turn it into carbon nanofibers.

“We calculate that with a physical area less than 10 percent the size of the Sahara Desert, our process could remove enough CO<sub>2</sub> to decrease atmospheric levels to those of the pre-industrial revolution within 10 years”

California should ban gas and diesel powered cars, and use Cap and Trade money to investigate Stuart Licht’s carbon capture technology.

Reference:

<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/pressroom/newsreleases/2015/august/co2.html>

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Diamonds from the sky’ approach turns CO<sub>2</sub> into valuable products

***Message to journalists: Please report that this research will be presented at a meeting of the American Chemical Society.***

A press conference on this topic will be held Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time in the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Reporters may check-in at Room 153B in person, or watch live on YouTube <http://bit.ly/ACSLiveBoston>. To ask questions online, sign in with your Google account.

BOSTON, Aug. 19, 2015 — Finding a technology to shift carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), the most abundant anthropogenic greenhouse gas, from a climate change problem to a valuable commodity has long been a dream of many scientists and government officials. Now, a team of chemists says they have developed a technology to economically convert atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> directly into highly valued carbon nanofibers for industrial and consumer products.

The team will present brand-new research on this new CO<sub>2</sub> capture and utilization technology at the 250<sup>th</sup> National Meeting & Exposition of the American Chemical Society (ACS). ACS is the world’s largest scientific society. The national meeting, which takes place here through Thursday, features more than 9,000 presentations on a wide range of science topics.

“We have found a way to use atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> to produce high-yield carbon nanofibers,” says Stuart Licht, Ph.D., who leads a research team at George Washington University. “Such nanofibers are used to make strong carbon composites, such as those used in the Boeing

amliner, as well as in high-end sports equipment, wind turbine blades and a host of other products.”

viously, the researchers had made fertilizer and cement without emitting CO<sub>2</sub>, which they reported. Now, the team, which includes doctoral fellow Jiawen Ren, Ph.D., and graduate student Jessica Stuart, says their research could shift CO<sub>2</sub> from a global-warming problem to a feed stock for the manufacture of in-demand carbon nanofibers.

He calls his approach “diamonds from the sky.” That refers to carbon being the material that diamonds are made of, and also hints at the value of the products, such as the carbon nanofibers that can be made from atmospheric carbon and oxygen.

Because of its efficiency, this low-energy process can be run using only a few volts of electricity, sunlight and a whole lot of carbon dioxide. At its root, the system uses electrolytic syntheses to make the nanofibers. CO<sub>2</sub> is broken down in a high-temperature electrolytic bath of lithium carbonates at 1,380 degrees F (750 degrees C). Atmospheric air is added to an electrolytic cell. Once there, the CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves when subjected to the heat and direct current through electrodes of nickel and steel. The carbon nanofibers build up on the steel electrode, where they can be removed, Licht says.

To power the syntheses, heat and electricity are produced through a hybrid and extremely efficient concentrating solar-energy system. The system focuses the sun’s rays on a photovoltaic solar cell to generate electricity and on a second system to generate heat and thermal energy, which raises the temperature of the electrolytic cell.

Licht estimates electrical energy costs of this “solar thermal electrochemical process” to be around \$1,000 per ton of carbon nanofiber duct, which means the cost of running the system is hundreds of times less than the value of product output.

“We calculate that with a physical area less than 10 percent the size of the Sahara Desert, our process could remove enough CO<sub>2</sub> to decrease atmospheric levels to those of the pre-industrial revolution within 10 years,” he says.

At this time, the system is experimental, and Licht’s biggest challenge will be to ramp up the process and gain experience to make consistently sized nanofibers. “We are scaling up quickly,” he adds, “and soon should be in range of making tens of grams of nanofibers a year.”

Licht explains that one advance the group has recently achieved is the ability to synthesize carbon fibers using even less energy than when the process was initially developed. “Carbon nanofiber growth can occur at less than 1 volt at 750 degrees C, which for example is much less than the 3-5 volts used in the 1,000 degree C industrial formation of aluminum,” he says.

The team’s research has been funded primarily by the [National Science Foundation](#).

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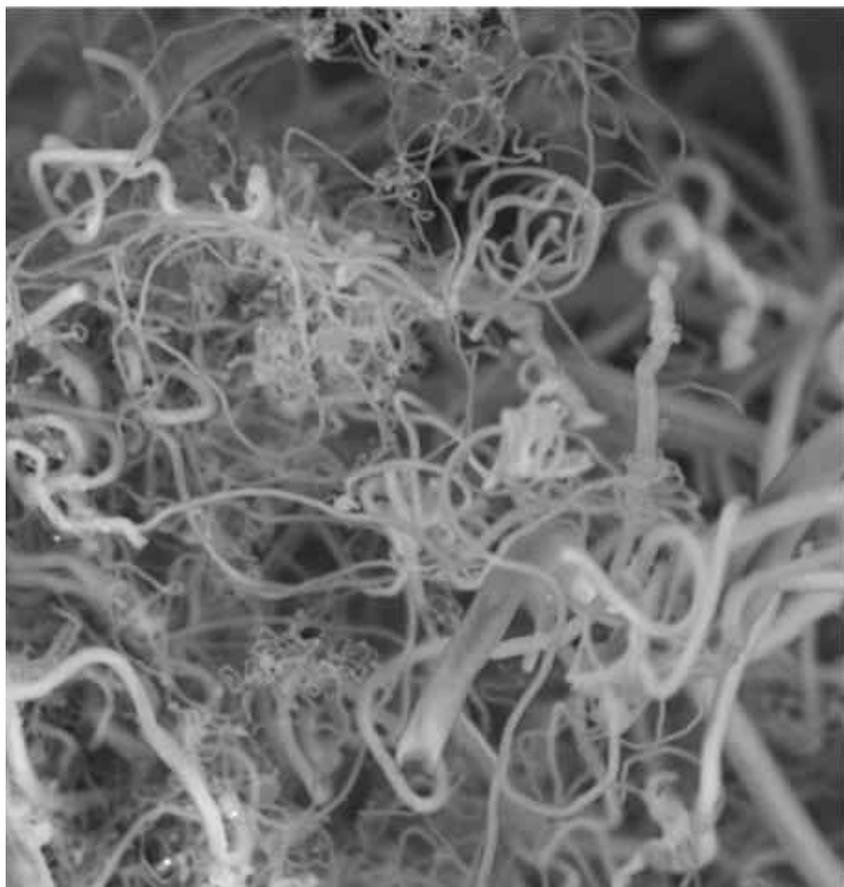
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Researchers are generating carbon nanofibers (above) from CO<sub>2</sub>, removing a greenhouse gas from the air to make products.

Lead researcher: Stuart Licht, Ph.D.

[High-resolution image](#)



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**From:** Rmcgar864 <rmcgar864@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 12:15 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Comments to the Vermont Climate Action Commission

#1 Thank you for the work that you're undertaking. It is very important to Vermont's future and through your actions Vermont can be an example for other states.

#2 Please hold some meetings closer to Burlington. Your choice of meeting locations suggests that you do not want to hear from residents of the most populous area of the State.

#3 Establishing a price for greenhouse gas emissions, principally CO<sub>2</sub>, is the most effective, and cost effective, action for addressing climate change

#4 Establish incentives for electric cars, trucks and busses

Thanks you,

Ron McGarvey

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**From:** Peter Jones (cerulean171@comcast.net) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 28, 2017 10:51 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

Dear The Climate Action Commission,

Watching the weather lately has changed what once was a nightmare into reality: massive devastating forest fires, epic sized chunks of ice breaking off Antarctic ice sheets, the smallest amount of ice in the Arctic, hurricanes the size of which we have never been recorded, flooding, droughts, on and on and on. When will this be enough of a signal to everyone? My family has instituted the following in our bid to be part of a renewable energy community: we drive a hybrid and an electric car and have a net zero home. Our carbon footprint is far below average, a target everyone should be taking. The State of Vermont should be setting the bar very high. We all still have a massive amount of work to do to avoid the worst case scenario.

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 27, 2017 4:46 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Act BIG on climate

Dear The Climate Action Commission,

I have grandchildren and their future is deeply jeopardized unless we act BIG.

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** VERMONT CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION -- Comment

# VERMONT CLIMATE ACTION COMMISSION

Comment – Denis Rydjeski and Betsy Eldredge

In addition to the aspirational goal of reaching 90% or 100% of our energy needs from renewable energy sources, we need a binding legislative commitment, strategy and funding provisions to reach that goal by a stated date.

One way to move toward that goal would be to implement a carbon pollution tax and using the proceeds both to offset the costs of lower income Vermonters and fund energy conversion strategies – including renewable heating options.

Electric vehicle production and use have shown string growth and citizen acceptance. Helpful will be expanded recharging stations at Park-and-Ride and I-91 and I-89 rest areas. Additionally we can further incentivize the use of mass transit.

Thanks for your on-going efforts viz our common climate concerns. -- Denis and Betsy

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**Sent:** Wednesday, September 20, 2017 12:30 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

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**Sent:** Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:22 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

Dear The Climate Action Commission,

The time for talking is well past. We need well thought plans and implementation timeframes. The commission should meet on a regular basis, hold meetings in more areas across the state to get public input, and all commission members should be required to attend all meetings. Any plans should be vetted with the public before implement.

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 2:08 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

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**Sent:** Monday, September 18, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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**Sent:** Sunday, September 17, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

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**From:** lynette novick (lynovick@gmail.com) Sent You a Personal Message <automail@knowwho.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2017 9:10 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

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**Sent:** Saturday, September 16, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

Dear The Climate Action Commission,

I am a Vermonter who works in the ski industry. I have seen first hand the effects of climate change. It's real and it will only get worse in the upcoming years. Please take bold action and aggressively pursue renewable energy like wind and solar. We need leadership at the state level to mitigate the devastating effects that climate change will have on the Vermont economy and lifestyle. Please take the actions as outlined in the accompanying message. Thank you.

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Increase electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and incentives. Vermonters have shown a willingness to plug in vehicles and make use of electricity that can be generated cleanly. Yet even with falling prices, EV's remain out of the reach of many Vermonters. It is essential that incentives make owning and/or leasing an EV an option for as many Vermonters as possible.

Expand Vermont's zero-carbon transportation choices, with a strong focus on mass transit based on renewable generation. Transportation is Vermont's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and as the sector projected to grow the fastest, it is imperative that we seek deep-change solutions. Electric buses and improving bicycle-friendly and pedestrian-friendly streets are important. The long term shift requires re-thinking community design as well, away from spread-out settlements that demand automobiles, to compact villages that allow people to stay out of their cars.

Vermont should move aggressively to achieve equitable deployment of renewable heating options. This begins with efficiency: fully funding the great work now being done by the low-income weatherization programs, and expanding the use of the latest heating technology, such as air-sourced heat pumps that can replace much less efficient furnaces.

The commission, and Vermont energy policy in general, should assess the true cost of inaction. There is a cost associated with failing to aggressively invest in efficiency or support development of widely distributed, renewable, independent energy infrastructure. The costs of inaction include storm damage, health costs, environmental degradation, a potentially endangered food supply, and an increased flow of refugees.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** My 2 cents on climate change

- **We in VT have experienced the impacts of climate change directly, and we recognize indirect impacts [today](#) and the enormous impact that is anticipated in our future.** Tropical Storm Irene is just one example of a natural disaster made worse by climate change. Studies have identified the connection between nutrient loading and temperature changes that exacerbate problems in Lake Champlain. Vermont has just experienced two summers in a row where hot and dry conditions have contributed to mountainside soils catching fire. Predictions are for these effects to worsen. Add to this the loss of snow cover for ski areas, declining water quality in our lakes and streams, and the stress and potential loss of our maple sugar industry. We are also affected by the rising cost of insurance, gas prices, healthcare, and disaster aid.
- **Explore and implement opportunities for putting a price on carbon pollution.** How can a price on carbon be implemented gradually, so that price signals create an evolutionary shift in our energy economy? How can a carbon tax be implemented in Vermont in an equitable manner, so working Vermonters can understand the signals and respond without bearing a disproportionate share of the burden? How can we apply some of the revenues of carbon pricing to efficiently deploy zero-carbon solutions?
- **Recognize that 100% renewable energy by 2050 is essential in avoiding the most damaging climate impacts.** We need to move beyond Vermont's "90% renewable" goal. Science tells us that a rapid transition is essential in avoiding devastating climate change impacts. That means dropping reliance on fossil fuels for heating and transportation. It means incentivizing carbon-neutral alternatives. It means recognizing the loss of the carbon sinks due to massive hydro development to our north: Hydro Quebec is neither "renewable" nor "carbon-neutral".
- **Increase electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and incentives.** Vermonters have shown a willingness to plug in vehicles and make use of electricity that can be generated cleanly. Yet even with falling prices, EV's remain out of reach for many. We need incentives and infrastructure that make owning and/or leasing an EV easier.
- **Expand Vermont's zero-carbon transportation choices, with a strong focus on mass transit based on renewable generation.** Transportation is Vermont's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and as the sector projected to grow the fastest, we need deep-change solutions. Electric buses and improving bicycle-friendly and pedestrian-friendly streets are important. Long term we must rethink community design, shifting from spread-out, car dependent settlements, to compact villages that require less use of cars.
- **Vermont should move aggressively to achieve equitable deployment of renewable heating options.** This begins with efficiency: fully funding the great work now being done by the low-income weatherization programs, and expanded use of the latest heating technology, such as air-sourced heat pumps, to replace much less efficient furnaces.
- **The Commission and Vermont energy policy, in general, should assess the true cost of inaction.** There is a cost associated with failing to aggressively invest in efficiency or support widely distributed, renewable, independent energy infrastructure. The costs of inaction include storm damage, health costs, environmental degradation, a potentially endangered food supply, and an increased flow of refugees.

**From:** Susan Hardy <susan.e.hardy@me.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 3, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** VCAC recommendations for Gov. Scott

I strongly support an emphasis on clean energy throughout the state with a priority on electric vehicles, a robust EV charging infrastructure, and incentives to individuals, businesses, and municipalities to support those priorities.

I favor a price on carbon pollution, especially if those funds can be used to improve energy independence, efficiency, and cost in Vermont.

As a former VW TDI diesel owner who has switched to a mostly electric Chevy Volt (lack of charging infrastructure makes an all-electric car totally impractical for me), I am very much in favor of using the VW mitigation trust fund money on electric replacements and improvements and NOT on so-called "clean diesel".

Thank you,

Susan Hardy  
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Norwich, VT 05055

**From:** pat sagui <saguiat@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 29, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** three recommendations for VCAC consideration  
**Attachments:** 112917 Recommendations to Vermont Climate Action Commission.pdf

Please find attached three recommendations for the Climate Action Commission to consider. It includes a graph comparing Global, US and Vermont emissions.  
If possible, please confirm receipt.

Thank you,  
Pat Sagui

**From:** Colin Osborne <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, November 17, 2017 10:27 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support carbon pricing

Nov 17, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is important, really crucial, that we adopt this approach and do so soon

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support carbon pricing

Nov 17, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear VCAC,

I attended the St. Johnsbury public hearing and wish to emphasize the strong feeling there and in the other public hearings that support putting a price on carbon and creating a specific and resourced plan to achieve our renewable energy goals (90% by 2050).

It is critical that the Commission issue strong support for what the public is asking. Otherwise, what's the point?

It has been more than disheartening to see the Governor's negative response to carbon pricing in advance of the public input and viable proposals put forth.

Again, what is the point of appointing a commission if the concerns and interests of Vermonters are going to be ignored.

I am hoping you will take a stand and make a difference.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support carbon pricing

Nov 15, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We have increasing evidence that carbon pricing works.

Please consult the following link, provided by Yale University, and published in Nature.

<https://www.nature.com/news/lessons-from-first-campus-carbon-pricing-scheme-1.22919>

Vermont needs to be at the forefront of these initiatives, especially given the views and policies of the present administration, which are the height rational irresponsibility.

Sincerely,

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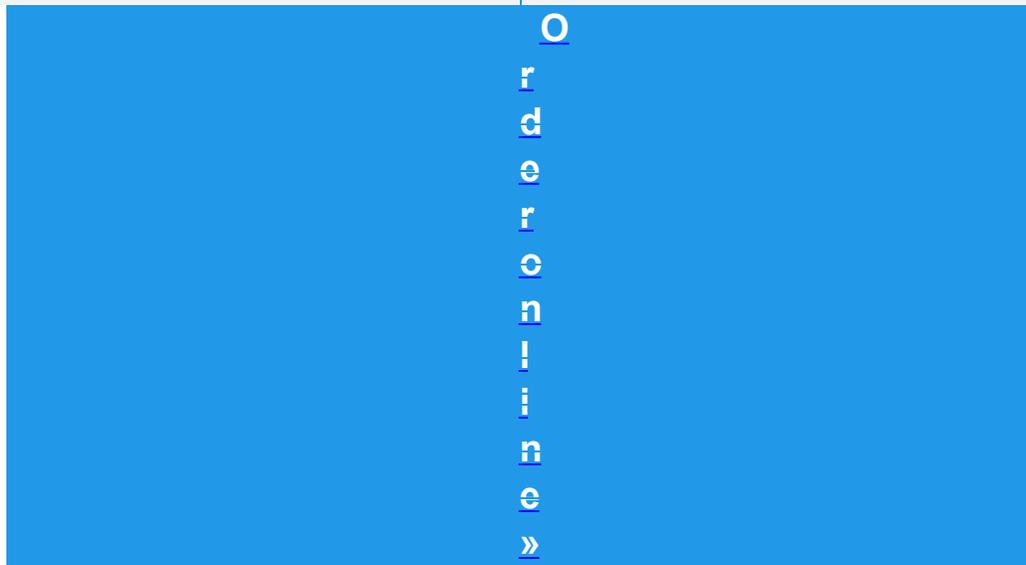
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support carbon pricing

Nov 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need an incentive to conserve carbon. It allows the new innovative technologies to look more attractive so we can make choices that are the best for our world and our grandkids. Please consider our children and children's children's world and act on this issue.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Katherine Walker <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 11, 2017 11:20 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support carbon pricing

Nov 11, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Climate Action Committee-

There is no more of an important issue than Climate Change. I wholeheartedly support Carbon pricing. I know we are a small state, but we need to be a leader on this issue. Our children and grandchildren deserve our commitment to this crucial issue.

I am asking for your support too!

Kit Walker  
Waterbury Center, Vermont

Sincerely,

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**From:** Andy Robinson <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** I support carbon pricing

Nov 10, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The word tax isn't a dirty word. We tax cigarettes to reduce their consumption. We tax hotel rooms so visitors to Vermont can cover some of the costs of running the state. We have a graduated income tax to promote equity.

Carbon pricing (aka the carbon tax) is another way to use public policy to promote a social good. Because the cost of unmitigated climate disruption will be WAY more expensive than any tax can we dream up.

Yes, the proposal needs to protect the most vulnerable Vermonters. Yes, it should be phased in so people can adapt. These are solvable problems. I trust our leaders to figure out good solutions.

Sincerely,

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**From:** William Peery <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 8:09 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** I support carbon pricing

Nov 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I believe that instituting a carbon tax on transportation fuel, heating oil and natural gas would encourage people to reduce wasteful burning of fossil fuels.

The revenue could then be used to reduce the sales tax or property tax.

Sincerely,

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 7:54 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

[A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

**First Name:** Kevin  
**Last Name:** Batson  
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**Recommendation 1**

Price on Carbon, I prefer a revenue neutral "Fee and Dividend" as promoted by Diana Gonzalez or the latest proposal of using the proceeds to lower electricity costs.

**Recommendation 2**

Promote and incentivizes renewable energy sources, both wind and solar for both residential and utility large scale. This will not only reduce our carbon footprint but also grow our economy and produce many more jobs than continuing with fossil fuels. The energy production profits stay local.

**Recommendation 3**

Use the VW settlement money to build electric car infrastructure and pay for the purchase of Electric School buses.

**Other Considerations**

Climate Change is an existential issue. The great issue of the 21 century. We must do all we can and the Governor can not have it both ways. He will either aggressively lead us away from fossil fuels by embracing a price on carbon, solar and wind power or admit he is part of the problem.

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**From:** Orgain, Ashley <Ashley.Orgain@seventhgeneration.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 3:48 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** The ESSEX Plan  
**Attachments:** The ESSEX Plan 11.06.17.pdf

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your important work. On behalf of my collaborators, I urge you to review then recommend the attached ESSEX Plan to Governor Scott. It meets every criteria Executive Order 12-17 lays out.

Sincerely,  
Ashley

Ashley Orgain  
Director, Mission Advocacy & Engagement  
President, Seventh Generation Foundation

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**From:** Suzanne Leiter <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support putting a price on carbon. Fossil fuels come from outside our state. Vermont makes no money mining or producing fossil fuels. Yet they cause pollution to our state. how about taxing carbon and then returning that money to the people of Vermont.

Sincerely,

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**From:** James Boutin <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 10:08 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The state bears the responsibility for failure to take action to support local sustainable energy initiatives as well as adapting preventative measures that promote fossil fuels.

The recent closure of a wood pellet mill in Windsor VT is a good example. The plant was producing one of highest grade and preferred wood pellets in the northeast. Mill laborers, truck drivers, foresters, loggers and landowners selling timber participated in the venture.

There was no assistance offered by the state to rectify the issues the plant was facing, some of which they should bear the responsibility due to the lack of proper regulation enforcement. I guess we'll just get by with importing more Canadian wood pellets and exporting our labor force, particularly the younger, to other states.

A carbon tax must become a reality if Vermont is serious about climate action and pollution control. Anyone purchasing or owning a device consuming fossil fuels must bear the responsibility by bearing higher taxes. Those who choose not and instead opt for alternatives such as solar, wind or low carbon producing alternative home heating solution should be continually rewarded with incentives.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Amelia Wagner <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Gov. Scott promised to be a leader who listens to the people. The people want bold climate action. We want energy independence and renewable energy sources. My husband and I not only voice support for it, we built our new house with that as a mission. We have a super energy efficient Pella wood pellet boiler with built pellet delivery providing clean energy heat that is renewable. We put 12 solar panels on our roof and followed Efficiency VT's guidelines to reduce our energy cost and reduce our personal carbon footprint. VT, too, needs to take bold action to protect Vermonters and the environment and now is the time to do it!!!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 9, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Sustainable non fossil fuel is an attainable goal for most.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 9, 2017 12:37 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The Friends Committee on National Legislation says: "Pricing and policy decisions for all forms of energy extraction, production and use should reflect their true economic, environmental and social costs." This sounds right to me.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Andrew Boutin <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to equalize the playing field. 80% of dollars spent on wood heating stays in Vermont. Over 80% of fossil fuel dollars leave the state.

Let's put Vermont First!!!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The evidence is now in many jurisdictions have placed a price on carbon and been rewarded with a less polluted environment. Vermont already uses less fossil fuels than most states, and can show the nation how to reach a better place.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gil McCann <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's almost too late, but we must get working on the environment immediately. A price on carbon is a major way to cut carbon emissions in a capitalist society. We see evidence everyday from ice melt in the Arctic to storms in the Atlantic that the climate is changing rapidly.

Let's do everything we can to stop this!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nancy Burroughs <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is time we step up and take responsibility for ourselves including our daily transactions that increase the carbon in our atmosphere.

Buying, transporting, using carbon based energy is killing the Earth, even if it is not evident to us living in Vermont's beautiful, green landscape. The temperatures are rising, the waters are rising, the weather is becoming more unpredictable, and the snow is retreating.

When are we going to step up? We are responsible for this, no one is exempt or gets a pass.

Please consider a price on carbon. Let's attack the problem right where it lives, the use of this relatively inexpensive energy source comes down to money. Are we going to tax an industry that has deep ties in every community? No one wants people to lose jobs but who truly profits when we use carbon based energy. We need to be responsible to our children's future and we all know, deep down, carbon fuels must be set aside eventually. And what changes someones' behavior more than having to pay more money for it! What we should be focusing on is money better invested in clean, sustainable energy. Paying for our carbon use will keep it in the forefront of people's minds and hopefully inspire folks to find new and better ways not to need fossil fuels. Thank you for your careful consideration of these life changing issues.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Anna King <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 11:15 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor and to whom it may concern,

I am a traumatic brain injury survivor and a lover of all life. I had to get some surgeries and I almost didn't make it out of the hospital.

I made it out of the hospital, through the hard work of doctors and nurses and my own willpower. But I wouldn't have made it without the doctor's and nurse's help on the other side. I am indebted to them.

That's where your role begins. Put a price on carbon. That is what you should do for family and friends and all life.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Katrina Giard <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Yes, Vermont should put a price on carbon and use the proceeds to help poor and low income people with energy efficiency!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

A price on carbon will incentivize the switch to non-carbon energy sources. The price should apply to all carbon fuels, current and fossil.

As author of a new book, "Restoring Climate Stability by Managing Ecological Disorder - A Non-Equilibrium Thermodynamic Approach to Climate Change", I have concluded that current carbon combustion is just as damaging to the climate as fossil carbon fuels are and even more so.

Ecosystem and environmental damage is one cost that is "externalized" from the economics of our accounting systems. A price on carbon is a way of re-internalizing these costs, thereby making the system more responsive to the damage done to ecosystems and environment.

Recognizing these costs and providing incentive to correct the damages will create jobs in the Vermont economy as well as correct the imbalance in cost accounting caused by externalizing the damage in the first place.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

This is a sensible and proven approach to CO2 mitigation. Let's get out in front with the others who are already doing this and make a significant mover toward the 2050 goal of 90% renewables!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Russell Se <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Any subsidies to solar energy

Sincerely,

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**From:** Craig Farrow <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 7:44 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 8, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Apparently good sense and common sense is not enough! Anything short of a cleaner Vermont and US for future generations is not acceptable, and must start now. If a tax on polluters and pollution is what it takes.... A motor vehicle violation gives you 30 days to pay, how many years must this take to act responsibly?

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nancy Mallery <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 8, 2017 12:44 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

This is the real solution for us to take the lead in our state. British Columbia thrives and have had a CT for some time now. Dr. James Hansen says this is the only way we will be able to win in our war against the devastation that climate change will cause. Please think of our children and grandchildren. They did not do the damages to the planet. We did. And they deserve to have a future that they can survive. Please say yes to put a price on carbon pollution in Vermont!

Sincerely,

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**From:** G. Richard Dundas <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:43 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's simple. We want people to stop smoking, so we raise taxes on cigarettes. It works. Similarly, we want people to reduce consumption of fossil fuels, so we institute a tax. It will work.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I believe that it is time to put a price on carbon pollution in Vermont. Gas and oil companies are bringing into Vermont polluting fuels. By taxing in some way this source of pollution in our state we can decrease carbon emissions thus addressing climate change, as well as decrease potential toxic pollution endangering Vermont citizens.

With this revenue we can support local clean energy businesses.

Further, we can put money into Vermonter's hands so they can afford to support clean energy projects. This state can only attract business and residents if it is at the forefront of sustainable living standards and practices. Soon climate change will be on everyone's lips; soon the havoc that will ensue shall be unavoidable. Now is the time for action!

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Tim Hoopes <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017 10:13 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support the policy of putting a price on carbon. I have heard the current Governor does not agree with me on this point, but that doesn't stop me from supporting this direction. Logic indicates that our Blue Planet, the one with the air that we breathe and the water we drink, be protected and conserved for future generations. The idea is simple. Instead of consuming the all the resources as quickly as possible and making as much profit off the resources as we can, we instead choose to minimize our use of resources and learn how to live with an understanding of natural cycles so we can pass on a better world to our children. Instead of "Drive fast and turn left", the more logical path is to walk slow and open your mind to the lessons of time.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please recommend a price on carbon pollution! It is essential that our state becomes a role model for other states on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

I am in favor of a tax on carbon.

I believe that those businesses that are profiting by putting CO2 and methane into our atmosphere should be paying for the consequences of this alteration of the air we breathe. The fairest way to collect would be to tax carbon.

Sincerely,

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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

For the welfare of our planet, it's urgent for us to recognize the enormous cost of our dependence on Fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon emissions.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

The true cost of fossil fuels should not be externalized. Please establish a carbon tax that reflects the true cost and use the proceeds to mitigate the burden to consumers and to support the development of green alternatives.

Sincerely,

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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's starting to feel as if there's nothing we can do that will make a difference to climate change, but I'm still going to do the right thing by the planet, and I expect nothing less from my state government. If Vermont doesn't set an example, who else will? And if I, who can't easily afford the changes our family has made, meaning solar panels and an electric car, the combined payments of which are greater than half my monthly take-home pay, surely the state of Vermont can afford to do the same. I'm willing to support a price on carbon pollution.

If you can't, may I ask you to please explain to my grandchildren what was more important than a healthy planet, for them, and any grandchildren you may have?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please take a stand on global warming. Put a price on carbon pollution!

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

100% of revenue from any carbon tax or carbon cap and trade scheme should be directed to those sectors which materially capture carbon, reduce CO<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub>e such as N<sub>2</sub>O. This would be primarily the agricultural and forestry sector practicing "carbon smart" methods, i.e., those practices which materially build soil carbon and reduce GHG off-gassing from agricultural and forestry operations, including field and forest. "Renewables" do not capture carbon, they only reduce dependence on other energy producing sectors such as fossil fuels. A switch to renewables will not avert catastrophic climate change in this century. Only by deploying carbon capturing methods through improved agricultural and forestry such as EW (Enhanced Weathering), re-forestry and a-forestry coupled with reduction of Green house gas products from the energy sector will do that. VT is an agricultural state. Revenue from a carbon tax or offset scheme should be directed to those sectors that are materially capturing carbon; farmers and foresters using carbon smart methods, i.e., those that build soil carbon rather than lose it.

Sincerely,

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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support a tax on pollution. Let's put solar panels on roofs, parking lots, and fields. Look at how vulnerable we are to power outages! If everyone had solar panels, the situation would not be so dire.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

I was just talking with a friend of mine who was telling me about how far ahead of us Germany is getting on renewable resource energy generation. He was saying that overall 30% of their power is coming from renewables and on some days in summer, it is upwards of 90%. Talk about an accomplishment.

With our small business innovations and our industrious nature, Vermont should be at the forefront of this change.

Let's put a fair price on the destructive conventional fuels and give that money back to the people of Vermont, so we can lead on making energy healthy for us and the state's economy.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Here's our chance to take the lead and do what is right for the planet.  
Putting a price on carbon will make the polluters take notice and help fund clean alternative energy.

Sincerely,

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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The air we breathe is what keeps us healthy when it's clean, the rate of increase of asthma is alarming and will get worse with time if nothing is done. It is up to the leadership of this state and nation to listen to the people affected by this, the voters and their children.

The current administration in Washington wants to kill ACA at a time when the poor need it the most as a direct result of environmental contamination by organizations whose only concern is profits.

Vermonters have set the pace before and it's time for us to do it again and show the other 49 how to protect its citizens.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

It is now abundantly clear that clean energies (solar, wind, hydro) are cheaper, create more jobs, and are obviously much less polluting, than fossil fuels and nuclear. Please move strongly in that direction with any and all policies, and please put a price on carbon pollution - it's a straight forward way to speed the process.  
Thanks for listening.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

In the absence of a responsible national climate action policy, it is imperative that individual states take action. Vermont should take the lead with a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Putting a price on carbon is inevitable if we are to encourage other energy sources and better use of the fossil fuels we cannot find an alternative for. It would be nice if everyone was willing to support this, but since that is unrealistic at the moment, I think it is up to some states to lead and show the way.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

As the most complete and current assessment just issued by the EPA indicates, the global warming trend is largely people induced. And their scientific assessment confirms that all that carbon we have been pumping into the atmosphere over the decades is the largest single reason. It has caught up to us, just as pouring our sewage in a nearby river caught up to us, forcing us to stop since we did not want the diseases foul water facilitated. We must slow, then stop doing that to the atmosphere. Vermont has been on the vanguard of doing just that by encouraging alternative sources of energy. But we must do more. Now.

By no means a small task. But one proven way is to provide incentives for producing lower emissions. Taxing the carbon we individually pump into the atmosphere provides such an incentive by encouraging us to buy less polluting vehicles - and industry to respond to the market (as they are beginning to do) by developing such vehicles. We need to join and push this trend by providing economic incentives. Now.

The habitual mantra on such things seems to be, "well, it will cost jobs". Actually, reliable economic models suggest the opposite. Not to mention that our grandchildren will inherit a smaller problem if we face up to the realities. Yes some jobs will go. But new ones will more than fill the gap. Ever it has been thus. While Nelly Gray might have been happy put out to pasture, I imagine the buggy whip people were bothered by the early gasoline engine driven cars. Guess that shift produced a few more jobs. Life is not static, nor can we go back in time. Rather we must seize the moment and act for the future. Now.

But then people say, well, poor people and those who need to run their motors more will suffer if it costs more. There are ways in proposed legislation to address this problem. And while people think \$2.59 gas in Burlington is high seem to forget two things: it hit \$4.00 a while back and we survived; and the US in general has one of the world's lowest at the pump price for gas, and the rest have found ways to manage as well. Bite the bullet. NOW!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Pollution pricing has all the qualities of a sustainable system to address the current situation. Thank you for opening your minds to something can help the generations yet to come.

Sincerely,

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Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Why the delay to putting a price on the fossil fuels from coming in to our beautiful state? This will result in building up more clean energy and therefor provide the one of the best ways to reduce pollution.

Since the funds can be used by the Climate Action Committee to put money into the hands of Vermonters resulting in the ability to lower taxes, it follows that economic activity will experience a boost and Vermont businesses will benefit.

There is no better way for Vermont to begin real improvements to saving our environment.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Public policy is an important tool for addressing major societal issues. There is no issue that is bigger than climate change. Please place a tax or other pricing mechanism on carbon pollution. It may be the only approach that will actually make a difference.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Barbara McKay <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

With climate change happening faster than we'd like to admit, it's appalling and heartbreaking that so little has been done to rein it in.

How terrible that I now seriously hope my young adult sons will not bring children into a world that will be nightmarish by the time children would be reaching young adulthood. But we just might stop short of crossing the line between "nightmarish" and "uninhabitable" by putting a steep price on carbon - NOW. A carbon price should be a crucial piece of system-wide efforts to support a rapid transition to freedom from fossil fuels. Please do all you can to enact a forceful, effective campaign to end fossil fuel use.

There's simply no more time to delay.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Maintaining a clean environment is ridiculously important! Money speaks like nothing else. I URGE you to please recommend a carbon pollution tax. Corporations and people really need to begin to take responsibility. If not, everyone loses in the end.

Thank you for taking comments on this vitally important measure.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Time for a thoughtful carbon tax

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I do hope the Climate Action Commission will realize that if we are to move forward on a sustainable Vermont energy future a carbon tax is perhaps the best way to make progress. Having been part of the industry that makes homes more energy efficient and add renewable energy, leveling the playing field for systems that do not add to global warming and air pollution is a critical market based step that we can take. Its takes courage to install a carbon tax or fee, but it is really the most effective way to go. I hope this committee has the will to take this step. We are running out of time.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Wolfger Schneider <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let us reflect the real cost of fossil fuel pollution in the price of fuels

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

For too long, fossil fuels have been subsidized with direct subsidies and indirectly by not reflecting the real costs of the pollution from their use. It is high time that the use of these fuels are priced to reflect their real costs to our air, water, and climate.

Yes, there will be transitional costs, however they can be alleviated by a properly designed rebate program for those least able to adjust their lifestyle or life situation to the phased-in increases in cost of the fuels.

Be courageous and price carbon pollution for a livable future for our kids.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** It's time to price pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I sincerely hope you'll recommend putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I believe that putting a price on carbon pollution is the right step forward for Vermont and so I am asking you to include putting a price on carbon pollution in your recommendations.

If it is done right, a price on carbon pollution fits inline with the criteria set for your recommendations - that is to spur economic activity, inspire and grow business, and to create a path to affordability.

To pass up this opportunity to price carbon pollution would be bad for Vermont, but it would also be an important missed opportunity for Governor Phil Scott. Pricing carbon pollution is an issue that is not going to go away and it will be part of our future whether we like it or not. So now is the time for the Governor to make the level headed decisions on the best way to implement such pricing and lead Vermont and its businesses to adapting to this new future. Or he can stick his head in the sand, and pass over pricing carbon - in which case the change will come later (but come it will) and further, Vermont and its businesses will not be prepared for it. I will certainly be watching the Governor on this issue and would view it as a failure if he passed this opportunity up.

Through your recommendations, you have the opportunity to lead Vermont businesses into the new reality. Please recommend putting a price on carbon.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Abigail Mnookin <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 7, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution ~ our children are relying on us to take action now

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Hello,

My name is Abby Mnookin, and I'm the mother of two young children, as well as a writer, an activist, and an educator. My children are the driving force of much of what I do; when I think of what the future might look like for them, I am reminded of the clear need for bold climate action now.

It is imperative that we put a price on carbon pollution immediately.

This proposal must work for lower-income Vermonters. The money collected through carbon pricing should be used to make a just transition to clean, green energy as we pursue Vermont's target of 90% renewable by 2050 (which we are currently way off target to meet). I would like to see small-scale, distributive renewable energy and localized generation here in Vermont. The money collected should also go toward weatherization initiatives, prioritizing lower-income Vermonters as well as all state and municipal buildings. I'd like to see much more investment in public transportation, so that this becomes a viable option for more Vermonters, as well as increased pedestrian and bike infrastructure. I'd also like to see investment in regenerative agriculture for carbon sequestration in our soils.

I DO NOT want any investment in nuclear power, clean diesel or natural gas. I do not want any new fossil fuel infrastructure in government buildings. I would like to see a moratorium on all fracked gas pipelines in Vermont. I would like Vermont to take our state money out of TD Bank completely, as well as all big banks that fund pipelines or fossil fuel companies. And ultimately I would like to see Vermont create a State Bank.

I appreciate the goals of this Climate Commission Listening Tour. That said, we don't have any more time to listen; WE MUST ACT NOW. Please don't return on another listening tour in 5 or 10 years. There's no time to waste!

Thank you for taking the time to put together a list of BOLD CLIMATE ACTION recommendations that have the best interest of Vermont and our planet. My children and the future generations thank you.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 7, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

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11/6/17

To the Governor's Climate Action Commission:

Recent events and predictions from climate scientists indicate that Vermont is in for some very big changes as climate change advances:

more significant weather events bringing wild temperature swings, storms with high winds, significant rain and flooding. We'll see our local climate reflect that of southern latitudes allowing tropical species and diseases to shift northward and our traditional economy based on farming, logging, maple syrup production, and winter sports to be affected negatively.

I've been watching these issues and, as a college professor, have investigated and lectured on their effects for years. In my 46 years of teaching we've gone from almost complete ignorance of climate change to the inescapable knowledge that it is real and it is accelerating beyond what even the most aggressive models are predicting. I once thought I probably wouldn't personally experience it in my lifetime, now I realize that I am. And I fear for my children's and grand children's future.

We need to act now to mitigate the impact even though it is already upon us. So I'm writing to the Commission to ask that you urge Governor Scott to identify and implement solutions that will put us back on track to meet Vermont's Comprehensive Energy Plan, statutory greenhouse gas reduction and clean energy goals. In addition I am requesting that you recommend that the Governor support the following:

Put a price on carbon pollution. This is a clear way to reduce carbon consumption and reduce taxes. A progressive plan would protect lower income Vermonters while providing opportunities to support further development of green options such a solar and electric transportation incentives.

Make smart investments with the \$18.7 million Environmental Mitigation Trust funds that the state will receive as part of the Volkswagen settlement. Investments could include such options as electrifying our bus fleets.

Maintain and strengthen the progress we've made in recent years on policies that support a smart, strategic and inclusive transition to clean energy. Incentives, properly applied can have a tremendous impact on energy use. These should include weatherizing buildings, changing out inefficient heating and cooling systems with more efficient ones, providing "cash for clunkers", installation of solar collectors and more.

Prioritize the training of a clean energy workforce by supporting internships for high school students, advance placement in skills/based technical training at the community colleges and retraining programs for those employed in the fossil fuel field. Finally, let's make Vermont a laboratory for clean energy innovation.

Imagine what electrifying our farm tractors and implements would do to remove the impact of aging diesels engines on our environment. Or we could begin to transition our DOT fleets to electric. Innovation may be a fantastic opportunity for Vermont.

Transitioning to a clean energy economy is an exciting prospect for Vermont. It will brand us as a progressive state that views its challenges as opportunities to provide a sustainable future for our citizens. We can do this!

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

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Nov 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I strongly support putting a price on carbon pollution because doing so will bring money into the state and because those who are creating the pollution will be paying for it. That's just fair!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 6, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I absolutely believe the climate is changing and we will be in serious trouble if we don't address this problem. I am incredibly dismayed by my governments lack of motivation in this direction.

I fully support a carbon tax. I trust Vermont's leaders can develop such a tax so not to unfairly tax working families that are already struggling to make ends meet.

Sincerely,  
Elisabeth McLane  
Strafford, VT

Sincerely,

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**From:** Rosenberg, Jean <jrosenbe@middlebury.edu>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon price for VT

Dear Commissioners,

We hope you will recommend a carbon emissions pricing system for VT, as a known effective and efficient way to address the urgent need for lowering our carbon pollution. While VT is a small contributor, we can be a powerful example and leader this way, and take responsibility as we need to. A carbon tax should be accompanied of course with offsetting tax cuts on sales or income, so the affordability of this policy is simply NOT a problem. The tax cuts can be targeted at low income Vermonters...

A carbon tax with offsetting tax cuts can enhance VT's economic growth as well as reduce our carbon emissions and encourage other states to do so as well. This is a critical and urgent issue! Time to act!

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Sent from my iPhone

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**Sent:** Sunday, November 5, 2017 7:08 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I became a grandmother this year. What an exciting time. And yet what a terrible time when I see what climate chaos is doing to the world this young one will grow up in. Here on our farm we've had to deal with flooding and droughts and unpredictable planting and harvesting times.

News of the forest fires in Oregon where I grew up are heartbreaking.

I firmly believe that we have a few short year to bend the curve downward on global warming and climate chaos. One big step is to charge polluters for the damage they do to the environment. It is clear to me that the federal government won't take any steps to slow the process.

There for it is up to us as a state to do everything we can.

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution.

I ask that the commission recommend putting a price on carbon pollution, for the sake of children and grandchildren.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 5, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We desperately need carbon pollution pricing in Vermont. To ensure a green Vermont for future generations, to create more jobs through affordable, clean energy production, to achieve economic justice through paid dividends to all Vermonters. Vermont can fight back and continue to be among the leaders in the country,

Sincerely,  
Barbara, Smith

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Carbon tax for Vermont makes sense now. We can be a leader, as we have frequently shown. If not this plan, what? We cannot do nothing.

Therese Linehan.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's only fair to impose a price on those who produce/sell fossil fuels in our state. Consumption must go down and pricing is the best way to stimulate the public to seek alternatives..

With dividends from this revenue delivered to the citizenry, multiple investors in electric vehicles, photovoltaic arrays and insulation will produce jobs and businesses in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 4, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Let Vermonters continue to be leaders and put a price on carbon pollution! We live in too beautiful state to not do this.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Any extra taxation is met with obvious indignation. A Carbon Tax should be designed as a multifaceted investment:

- 1) The long term and the ultimate goal is clean energy.
- 2) Alternates to Fossil and nuclear energy is currently costly.
- 3) Tax dollars should be used to make such technologies affordable to businesses and homes, to stimulate adoption.
- 4) Tax dollars could also fund research and development of more efficient, cost-effective clean-energy technology and production techniques.
- 5) Economics of Scale and competition, will drive prices down, progressively reducing the extent of subsidy.

All of this is nothing new - but warrants repeating as often as needed.

Thank you for a receptive ear.

Sincerely,  
Jacob

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Time is Now to Price Carbon Pollution!

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Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I know of no way to adequately stem the demand for more and more power which releases more and more CO2 into the environment unless we have carbon pricing. How that is to be done with justice and economic wisdom is the big challenge, but i believe that it absolutely essential!

Governor Scott, please open your mind to the thought and deep concerns of your commission members! Thanks!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution.

Vermont needs to be the forerunner in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to make a change in the way we use our energy and make a change fast. The resources are there, the technology is there, but people are stubborn and will not change their ways on their own. By putting a price on carbon pollution, we will economically motivate people to finally take the necessary steps like driving more fuel efficient cars and actually getting around to weatherizing their home so they use less energy staying warm in the winter. Implementing a tax on the big oil companies, this would trickle down to increase gas prices. However, by supplementing the increased gas prices with a lower income tax, small price jump will not break the bank for low income families. It will only encourage people to use less gas and live a more fuel efficient lifestyle.

Let's put a price on it.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Let us be more "GREEN" Eliminate one use plastic bags and put a price on carbon pollution!!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Cc:** EXE - IQ Mail; EXE - IQ Mail; Jane Kitchel; kitty toll; jbenning@leg.state.vt.us  
**Subject:** Carbon Pricing

Ladies and gentlemen,

We hope you all will follow the great successes of carbon pricing(taxing) enjoyed in Canada, California, and elsewhere by replicating their precious efforts to support The Paris Accord in this monumentally crucial battle to fight climate change. Educate yourselves, then educate your constituents, then work to make it happen. You/we can do this. We need to do this.

There are many proposals out there for implementing a carbon tax, and they are all designed for the local context. In Vermont, where low-income, rural residents would be particularly burdened by such a tax, proposals include rebates to directly offset the burden on consumers, particularly low-income residents. A fee of \$10/ton of carbon, which is on the low side, would mean an 8-cent increase in a gallon of gas and a 10-cent increase in a gallon of heating fuel.

Starting next January, every province in Canada will implement a minimum **\$30/ton tax on carbon**, following the successful experiences of British Columbia and Alberta, where such a tax reduced carbon emissions *and* **grew their economies**. All of the New England states except New Hampshire and Maine are also currently considering the tax.

There are thousands of us Vermonters out here who would be happy to help you with this in any way we can. We belong to an active group, NORTHEAST VERMONT ON GUARD, and we stand ready to support you in any way possible.

Please, do the right thing. Do this.

Thank you sincerely for your efforts here and for all that you do for this great state and nation,

Jim Minichiello and Wendy Stavseth

Peacham, VT

**From:** Mariana Du Brul <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Climate Action Commission,

It is November 3rd and there are still yellow jackets on the apples in my orchard and there were moths swirling around our porch light last night. Weird, right? This feels more like Florida than Vermont.

We all know we can't just navel-gaze and hope the planet works this one out. We have a responsibility as stewards of the Earth to do a better job keeping house than we have been in the last several decades. One of the most efficient and logical ways to do that is by putting a price on carbon.

A carbon tax JUST MAKES SENSE. We've got a lot of smart people in this state; let's use our collective assets to make this work for Vermont.

I know Gov. Scott doesn't like this idea, but I think he is missing an opportunity to make a really smart decision for the state.

THIS IS THE CONSERVATIVE SOLUTION

([https://www.ted.com/talks/ted\\_halstead\\_a\\_climate\\_solution\\_where\\_all\\_sides\\_can\\_win](https://www.ted.com/talks/ted_halstead_a_climate_solution_where_all_sides_can_win)).

I think if Gov. Scott really objectively looked into how carbon pricing could work, he would see that it is the right thing to do.

Please don't let this Governor kick the can down the street with some ineffective ideas. Let's do this right! Educate yourselves about carbon pricing and make the recommendation. For all of us.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

This action is a critical piece of the action needed to slow and hopefully reverse our slide toward climate disaster. Everything we can do must be done ASAP! Please do what is needed to preserve our planet as a life-sustaining home for all.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Let's just do Phil!!!!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Putting a price on carbon is necessary in order for energy companies, including oil companies, to stabilize their decision-making for the future, according to John Hoffmeister, former head of U.S. Shell Oil Company. Watch Mr. Hoffmeister speak about it in the segment entitled "Avoiding the Energy Abyss" in this short clip from Earth the Operator's Manual site: <http://earththeoperatorsmanual.com/main-video/powering-the-planet-video-segments>

Initiating a price on carbon will enable Vermont businesses to be at the forefront of this, and hence VT businesses will be ahead of the nation when carbon pricing inevitably is put in place in the rest of the nation.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to put a price on carbon; if for nothing else, to help level the field between electric and gas-powered vehicles. If people realize they have to pay, it will give them that extra nudge to be more eco-friendly.

I put geo-thermal in as my heat source about fifteen years ago. It has saved me a ton of money over the years, but more importantly, it has saved tons of carbon from going into the atmosphere. I followed that by an electric car, and just recently, I've put solar on the roof.

All of my power, heat, and transportation is now provided by the sun.

These things all cost a lot of money: money that I could have used on other things. I have since had to go back to work from retirement in order to pay for these things in the short term, but I feel that we all need to do our part to "turn the ship around." In the long run, I am no longer paying \$5,000 a year for oil, and I am no longer paying \$300 a month in electric bills. I am saving about \$6,000 a year from these carbon-free changes.

Please make people more accountable for their part in this disaster we've created for ourselves and those who will inherit this planet.

The expense the government (taxpayers) have to incur because of storm damage far exceeds the cost of a carbon tax. The healthcare field has stated that the pollution we are creating has devastating health consequences, taking years off of people's lives and causing asthma and other such diseases in children. I don't have children, but I will always choose their future over any short-lived profits and promises made from big oil. We need to be good stewards of our Earth. We are just passing through. Who knows what lies in store after we are gone, but I for one, wish to hedge my bets and have a clean conscience. Do what is right for those you are representing. Please. This is bigger than any one individual. People will complain that they have no extra money...well, they can spend a little here and now, or a whole lot more as their insurance, taxes and healthcare costs rise because of our self-inflicted short-sightedness. Pay a little now, or pay later with people's lives. It seems like an easy choice to me.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's important to develop financial drivers for reducing carbon production--otherwise it won't happen. And if it doesn't happen, it won't be good news for our rec and tourism industries, sugarers, farmers--pretty much everyone. Please put a price on carbon pollution. I know it's challenging to get it right--but Vermont can do it.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

If we don't deal with climate change, then climate change will deal with us humans through famine, storms, floods, epidemics, war, mass migration, etc. I prefer the first option. Let's get real it will take collective government action to move our economy to a sustainable future. Imagine solar panels, wind farms, electric cars, electric heat pumps: it's all possible. And the shift to a 'green' economy will be an economic boom, with new local businesses ensuring good local jobs.

This won't happen on its own the best option we know of is right in front of us carbon pricing! As proposed it will move our economy to a sustainable future while protecting the most vulnerable in fact helping them find a better future too. What are we waiting for? As a person with training in science I am taking a strong interest in climate and energy issues. I'm convinced that the first step, and Vermont can lead the way, requires fair and well-designed carbon pricing. If other states get there first, we'll lose out on all the opportunities. It's crucial that the Vermont Climate Action Commission strongly recommend putting a price on carbon pollution. We and future generations are depending on you!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 3, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Commissioners,

I am a strong supporter of putting a price on carbon pollution. This would be an effective way to fight climate change.

We need every tool possible to protect our beautiful state of Vermont.  
Let's set a positive and innovative example for the rest of the USA!

Urgent action is needed right now to make sure we cut carbon emissions.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The problems associated with climate change, caused primarily from the use of fossil fuels are increasingly obvious. From the wildfires and droughts out west, to the recent disastrous hurricanes of Irma, Jose and Maria, climate change causes human suffering and huge economic costs. We need urgent measures to immediately curtail our use of fossil fuels. Putting a price on carbon pollution can help incentive energy conservation and the use of renewable energy technologies, while creating more jobs and a healthier environment here in Vermont. As someone who is very conscious of my carbon footprint, I know that being energy efficient and using renewable power has helped employ local Vermonters.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

When I bought my electric vehicle in 2014, gas cost \$3.75 so it was a smart choice. Now it costs \$2.50 so it's "smarter" to use gas and destroy the world that we are supposed to leave to our grandchildren. But that is not REALLY smart, it's more like a crime against humanity. A ten cent a gallon tax, going up 10 cents a year, will gradually make electric vehicles a better choice again, although it may be too late before the tax becomes meaningful.

If we tax gasoline for the harm it's doing to the world, we will find ways to use less, whether that is electric vehicles, car pooling, decent public transportation, or whatever works for each of us. If gasoline remains cheap, we will continue to use it as we've grown accustomed to, while blaming Exxon, which is profoundly ignorant of us, like blaming the bartender.

Best of all, if we make the tax neutral by returning it to Vermonters, then it becomes a game, to use less and get more back, often allowing lower income people to come out ahead of where they are today, depending on their circumstances.

People say we can't afford a gas tax. People said we couldn't afford to end slavery, that we couldn't afford to win WWII. When we decide to do something that has to be done, we CAN afford it. We cannot afford to permanently ruin the earth. To do so is the worst thing we could do because it cannot be undone.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am writing to ask the commission to recommend a price on carbon pollution that is economically just for all Vermonters and finds a way to support loggers, farmers and other Vermonters who are energy dependent for their livelihoods. I think Vermont should lead the way on carbon pricing just as they did years ago on civil unions. According to recent polling, a majority of Vermonters favor this initiative. There have been four preliminary bills introduced in the legislature for carbon pricing and an effort is underway to consolidate them. There is momentum building and public interest in action. As these intense storms tear through our communities, more citizens than ever are concerned about carbon pollution. I have been four days without power from Sunday night's storm and this is my first correspondence since it was restored.

I urge you take action to recommend a price on carbon pollution.

Thank you,  
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Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I'm afraid that I have nothing original to add to the debate taking places around carbon pollution, however I do want to add my voice and my name to that of those who are asking that a price be put on carbon pollution in Vermont. Thank you.

Dinah Yessne

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support making renewable energy so readily available that putting a price on carbon pollution is not necessary.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I have read about the effects of a carbon tax on pollution as a means of reducing climate change for some years now, with positions both pro and con. And I have come to believe that it would be an effective means of fighting pollution and sound economics. Money always talks.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Karen Wagner <bounce@convio.net>  
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**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Every day individuals take action to reduce carbon emissions. Last week I bought a Chevy Bolt so when I drive I am now using solar power.

I need the State of Vermont to step up and make businesses responsible for their emissions. This is no longer a critical issue that has to be dealt with. It is a catastrophic issue. 75% of all beneficial insects are dying this year. This is the hottest October on record. The storm in Florida is the strongest in the history of recorded storms. How bad does it have to get before you slack politicians get off your ----- and take real action to STOP CARBON EMISSIONS.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Vermont is in the position, again, of doing what is right for our economy and the future of our planet. It is time we put a price on carbon pollution. By doing so we will be leading the country in transitioning from carbon fuels to renewable energy, bringing clean jobs to the state. By reducing carbon pollution, we are taking another giant step in creating a cleaner, more sustainable future for our children and the children of the world.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Governor Scott,

The majority of your constituents want a carbon tax. Since your serving the constituents, you must start taking deliberate steps towards creating a positive piece of legislation for a carbon tax in Vermont.

Not only that, but Vermont is positioned to continue climate action leadership during an administration that is disparaging our environmental progress over the past few decades, and so Vermont MUST work as leaders of progressive environmental policy.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Commissioners, and Governor Scott,

Firstly, thank you for your service and for creating the commission.

The most recent triennial report by federal government scientists was released; it was three years in the making and makes it clear that not only is human carbon-producing activity the undeniable cause of climate change/disruption but is also indisputably harming health and safety.

The carbon producers have had a free ride much longer than they should have had. I was kid in the 1970s and when President Carter put early solar panels on the White House THAT was when we needed to make real changes; clearly we have failed as a nation and a species since then.

My children, who are 11 and 8, will pay for what we have done and failed to do; you and I will "get a pass."

They will not, though. Vermont is once again one of the most important carbon-sink bio-reserves in the northeastern US. But even that is not enough. Loving and keeping our trees is good, but not sufficient in the current crisis; we already know several times over in recent years the costs of what climate change is doing. The political will AND COURAGE to demonstrate that carbon pollution is not a free ride any longer is an ABSOLUTE necessity. Vermont can and must lead in its "brave, little" way. Saying "no way" is morally inexcusable. Long debate is retrograde. But direct, intense negotiation is - as they say - progress. And progress in our case is to demonstrate to less enlightened parts of our country that we are willing to bear some costs now for the sake of our children and their life on this planet.

If we only think in terms of dollars alone we are slaves to an idol that has culturally held us captive in our minds and hearts for at least the past forty years - enough decades when we could have done something else. We can't change that history backward; we are only able to go to tomorrow and then tomorrow and then tomorrow. Putting a price on carbon pollution begins to disempower the idol by showing the real use of "money" - making the world livable and better for our children's future. We can stop being Peter Pans and claim our common maturity. Is not "Unity & Prosperity" on that state flag?

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 6:09 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Let's be a leader!

Sincerely,

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**Cc:** Betsy Hardy  
**Subject:** Comment for VT Climate Action Commission

Greetings,

I am writing on behalf of Vermont Interfaith Power and Light (VTIPL) to urge the new Vermont Climate Action Commission to move quickly to set forth an action plan that will accelerate Vermont's contribution to addressing the crisis created by the rapidly warming climate.

We encourage the Commission to act expeditiously to adopt an action agenda to guide public and private planning at all levels in Vermont. Climate change poses an important challenge that offers many opportunities to strengthen our communities and their economies. Because our national government has abdicated any responsibility for addressing this crisis it is all the more important that Vermont leaders take action now.

We are past the time when we can defer action until more information is collected and evaluated. We must address the climate impacts of our transportation system and the technologies we use to heat our buildings. VTIPL supports actions that will put a price on carbon pollution in Vermont.

Many organizations and individuals have suggested many good action steps. We are ready to endorse and actively support an action plan that will accomplish something and do so soon. Vermont is blessed with a community of well-informed climate experts and technology entrepreneurs who are ready to act. We call on the Commission to tap these resource by providing organizing leadership that will produce results soon

Sincerely,  
Rev. Richard Hibbert

President, VTIPL Board of Directors

**Vermont Interfaith Power & Light (VTIPL)** works to help members of Vermont's faith and spiritual communities understand that the climate crisis which is threatening the world is, at heart, a spiritual crisis. This spiritual crisis demands recognition that: Earth is a precious gift; global climate change is a moral challenge; global climate change is disrupting the natural balance; we live our faith through our actions; and there is no peace without a planet.

VTIPL seeks to empower members of faith and spiritual communities to advocate for our Earth and future generations. VTIPL helps people take action in their houses of worship, homes, and workplaces to conserve energy, use it efficiently, and increase the use of renewable energy.



"The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice."

Martin Luther King Jr.

"God is united to every human being without exception."

Brother Roger of Taizé, 1915-2005

"When the power of love overcomes the love of power the world will know peace."

Jimi Hendrix, musician, singer, and songwriter, 1942-1970

“The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart.  
The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace.”  
Carlos Santana, musician (b. 20 Jul 1947)

Richard Hibbert  
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**Sent:** Thursday, November 2, 2017 5:09 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

Governor Scott -

I'm sure I can't add anything new or revolutionary to the choir - so i'm simply going to echo the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of my fellow Vters.

PUT A PRICE ON CARBON POLLUTION.

- and revoke official FB privileges from Jason Maulucci.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** put a tax on things that drain our economy

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Forget climate change, a tax on fossil fuels is good for our economy and we will need those funds to help our friends working in the fossil industry transition to new jobs as the coming disruptions hit them hardest of us all. We need to stop sending over a \$1B out of our state every year for goods and service that we can get locally for less money while creating more and better jobs for Vermonters. Tax the problem to fund the solution and then watch with wide grins as the tax disappears with along with the problem. Tax fossil fuels now. Use that money to fund local energy solutions for those most in need as well as training and job placement programs for those displaced by the inevitable death of the fossil fuel industry.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Putting a price on carbon pollution is a practical, sensible, equitable, and urgently needed policy change. Saying we support the Paris Climate Accords is not enough: we must actually walk the climate change talk. I 100% support this policy and will look HIGHLY askance at any policy maker who does not stand up for the future of all our grandchildren by supporting this action.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

There are only three ways to handle climate change:

1. do nothing.
2. Issue command-and-control regulations on the emission of green house gases, including CO2.
3. Use market incentives to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases.

1, of course, means destroying the planet's capacity to support our civilization.

2 would bring a level of government intrusion into daily lives that many would find--have been finding--troublesome, disturbing, even intolerable. Would we have carbon police checking every household to see that CO2 emissions met some standard? Would we have CAFE type ratings for everything that uses energy? Would we simply forbid the use of carbon fuels, phasing them out over time by mandate? All of these C-and-C approaches require making government larger and more intrusive. And they do nothing to mitigate the negative distributional aspects of controlling CO2 emissions--the fact that the financial burdens of evolving Vermont away from fossil fuel use will fall disproportionately on lower income Vermonters, since fossil fuels are horribly underpriced and the expectation of their use is embedded in existing investments (homes, cars) that can't be adapted or replaced without some expense.

3. The least-cost, most effective, fairest approach to doing something about climate change is to use the power of market incentives to nudge consumers away from fossil fuels and toward sustainable, renewable alternatives. The best proposal I know of to do this nudging is a net-zero carbon pricing program that would steer the moneys collected back to consumers in two ways. First, all households below a certain (middle class) income level get a "prebate" check equivalent to the carbon pollution fee that the typical household in their income bracket would pay. Then, if the household uses less than the average amount of fossil fuels, they come out ahead. If they use more, they are net payers of the pollution fee. Second, money is returned to consumers in the form of various improvements --investments-- that reduce the household's need for fossil fuels. This funding is paid for by the moneys collected through the fee that is not pre-bated to higher income households.

One sticking point in the adoption of such a plan has always been the concern that Vermonters who live near a border will cross out of Vermont in order to fuel their cars. How large, really, is this problem? Is it worth trashing the single best policy approach we have, and postponing action on climate change, out of a concern that some relatively small percentage of Vermonters will buy gas in NH, MA, NY?

I think not. There aren't that many Vermonters for whom a drive out-of-state to save the cost of a carbon fee on a fill-up will make sense in terms of the time and money spent making the trip.

One last thought. The formula "it can't be done here until it is done in the jurisdiction next door" is a formula for no jurisdiction doing anything unless and until the whole world acts, for there would otherwise always be a neighboring jurisdiction not joining the effort. To abide by that formula is to default to number one, above--letting a simple lack of courage and conviction destroy the planet's ability to support us. .

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I want to add my voice to those advocating for a price on carbon in Vermont. IN spite of everything Vermonters have done to reduce carbon emissions, they have not gone down but have increased further. It is time to take a more dramatic step and put a price on carbon. First, this will engender a serious public discussion about the seriousness of climate change and how we have to take stronger action. But second, instituting a price on carbon will have more impact on emissions than any other step we can take. The research has been done, and the evidence is clear. Even high level national conservatives have called for a carbon tax. The time is now. Vermont can and should lead.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Speaking as a citizen, Vermont's failure to reduce carbon emissions is morally appalling. Speaking as a professor in ecological economics at UVM, it is economically idiotic. Fossil fuels account for some two-thirds of Vermont's energy use, and all of this money leaves the state. Fossil fuel prices are currently very low, but are notoriously unstable. It takes a long time to adapt out infrastructure to higher prices, and when those prices increases inevitably arrive, it will cause serious economic turmoil, as has happened in the past. Now, while prices are low, we should begin taxing them, allowing taxes to rise steadily over time. Anyone who believes in the market economy knows a carbon price will reduce consumption--people will insulate their homes, creating local jobs; buy more fuel efficient cars; and so on. Carbon fees are favored by both conservatives and liberals who believe in science and markets, and has been endorsed by the economic advisors to Reagan, G.H. Bush (who put a price on sulfur oxides), Clinton, G.W. Bush, and Obama. Fees for private capture of a shared resource--our atmosphere-- will remain in the state, further stimulating the local economy. We can use the revenue to replace inefficient taxes, following the maxim of 'tax bads, not goods'. We could alternatively use the revenue to subsidize investments in energy efficiency, as we do with RGGI revenue. Studies show that the impact of such subsidies is far greater than the impact of the carbon price itself. Since the poor have the oldest, least energy efficient housing stock, longer commutes and older cars than the wealthy, such subsidies will reverse the regressive nature of an energy tax. Wealthier individuals, such as me, can easily afford efficiency investments. Having heavily insulated my house, installed solar hot water and solar electric, and purchased a Prius (for use only when it's too far to ride a bike), and can state with empirical evidence that all of these have higher risk adjusted returns on investments than the stock market. Unfortunately, people too often fail to make them on their own. Carbon fees and efficiency subsidies will provide the extra nudge people need.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Vermont must lead the way.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I hope that we can give incentive to clean energy businesses and businesses that produce more efficient energy products to move to Vermont.

And we also need to put a price on Carbon Pollution to encourage more ways to be energy efficient.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Tax Atmospheric Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Atmospheric pollution is changing the ecology of Vermont's forests.  
Trees are weakening and dying in increasing numbers. We must tax carbon to discourage emissions.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Pricing Carbon Pollution = a birds nest on the ground

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The the costs, or should I say "harms?", to Vermonters not included in every gallon of transportation, heating and industrial fuel we burn are local as well as global.

The opportunity we miss with every fuel dollar sent out of state and region is real.

We could be making our own "fuels" right here! It's being done now!

So, make carbon based fuels pay their way through a mostly refundable tax, then get out of the way as the market, effectively so signaled, does the rest of the work, capturing value locally and regionally at every turn.

What are we waiting for?!

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Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Yes I am in favor of putting a price on carbon pollution.  
"I speak for the trees" Dr. Suess

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear VCAC,

There is clearly an appetite within Vermont to pay more for fossil fuels; how else to explain the disparity of pricing for gasoline, for instance, in NW VT compared to the Central and Southern Counties.

Usually this is anywhere from 5% to 8% surcharge which would be far better going to State coffers for environmental (Lake Champlain for

instance) improvements, electric car tax breaks, you name it, rather than Skip Vallee and his cartel cohorts who merely take "disingenuous" to a new level by using ill-gotten gains for lobbying against a carbon tax.

But "tax" is toxic, profit is "good on yer", lobbying "business as usual".

That mindset has to change.

Impose a carbon tax high enough to yield meaningful revenues, demand an end to price fixing/gouging, and take definitive, nation-leading action.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Carbon tax now!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy. It's time to put a price on carbon pollution.

Now is the time to take action for our climate, and I am writing to ask the commission to recommend a price on carbon pollution.

My family and my daughter's future is in your hands and we ask that for us, and future generations that Vermont take action now.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kathleen Light <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a Price on Carbon Pollution

Nov 2, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I strongly support a carbon tax as a way to put a price on pollution and to encourage the clean energy economy that creates jobs for Vermonters. I also strongly support looking at ALL sources of clean energy, including wind, as a way to take meaningful steps away from carbon sourced energy including electricity.

Thanks for listening to my comments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kathleen Hacker <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 1, 2017 12:06 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support Carbon Pricing

Nov 1, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Commissioners,

Recently I attended a conference where I learned a new expression to describe Climate Change. The expression is "Capitalist Planetary Destruction." (credit to Vijay Prashad.) Capitalists have made it apparent by years of ignoring the issue that they would rather the citizens of the world including their children and grandchildren suffer and die in the fires, floods and famines of our changing climate than address the causes. Otherwise Exxon Mobile would have sounded the alarm and started making changes 30 years ago when they first studied the issue and realized what was to come. Exxon's choice not to act but rather to bury the evidence and continue with business as usual speaks volumes about the hold capitalist greed has on humanity.

Admittedly putting a price on carbon pollution in Vermont may not do much to stop the capitalist march toward ending life on earth but as long as there is a chance of staving off the worst effects and saving even a small part of humanity it is worth the effort.

So please do your part and recommend a price on carbon pollution to the governor.

Most citizens think capitalist planetary destruction isn't happening or that we can wait until "tomorrow" to address it. You might also recommend to the governor and legislature a serious education program to inform Vermont citizens just how dire our situation is and that there really is an existential threat to life on earth which can only be avoided by drastic action now.

The choice of capitalism, an economic system requiring constant growth might have made some sense when it was adopted because the world seemed a vast planet of never ending resources at the time. We now realize that there is a limit to the amount of resources the earth can provide and a corresponding limit to the amount of pollution the earth can absorb. If we act soon to change our way of life we may be able to save some of the planet for a future humanity. It is my hope that you commissioners will put the future of life on earth above any other considerations.

Sincerely,

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**From:** David R Magnus <magnuswools@fairpoint.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon Pricing

Dear VCAC,

We believe Vermont should support a carbon tax. Please let Governor Scott know that we support this tax.

Sincerely yours,

Marilyn and David Magnus

**From:** Department of Human Resources <VTDHR@vtalert.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 5:35 PM  
**To:** SOV - All Exchange Users  
**Subject:** UPDATE: State Office Building Power Update for State Employees

Private Group-Based Notification

.....This is an ACTUAL NOTIFICATION.....

Issued By: Vermont - Department of Human Resources Issued To: Vermont - All State Employees

Headline: UPDATE: State Office Building Power Update for State Employees

Virtually all State office buildings are currently with power. However, severe weather is expected in some areas tonight, Monday, October 30, 2017. Please be aware that weather conditions will be monitored closely and the Department of Human Resources website and the Emergency Information Phone Line will be updated if weather and/or power information changes.

You are encouraged to check the website <http://humanresources.vermont.gov/about-us/alerts-closings-delays> ("http://humanresources.vermont.gov/about-us/alerts-closings-delays") or call the Phone Line (800) 644-4402 before travelling to your work location Tuesday, October 31, 2017.

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**From:** Kate Williams <kate\_ret@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** carbon tax

I support a carbon tax, we should be in sync with other forward looking New England states who support this already. Weatherization also has a huge impact on reducing fuel use and carbon emission. With the figures released today for the amount of CO2 in our atmosphere we cannot drag our heels any longer if we want a future for this planet which includes human beings.

Thanks for your consideration, Kate Williams

**From:** John McCormick <jmccormick@imtd.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 30, 2017 9:19 AM  
**To:** Davidson, Marianne  
**Cc:** Walke, Peter; Paul Costello  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission

## **Louise Diamond Committee to Protect Next Generations**

**A Project of the Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy**

Dear Governor Scott,

The Climate Action Commission has created a potential for the December recommendations to include a carbon tax.

In light of your campaign promise, that would limit the Commission's recommendations from three to two. You can put an alternative forward by recognizing the VSECU as a functioning green bank with a need to significantly expand its capital reserve.

A tax on fuels will hurt families and businesses struggling with their cost of living while federal budget cuts impact Vermont. Low interest loans and rebates for energy efficiency investments are free market alternatives to the tax.

May I suggest you meet the Co-chairs to discuss how public opinions will be considered when they draft the recommendations.

A word search of public comments to the Commission yielded the following: tax - 327 times, carbon tax - 146, price on carbon - 19, green bank - 0. Public demand for a carbon tax will increase in the November 9 and December 14 meetings.

The Co-chairs should hear from you that a carbon tax recommendation may not be considered. Invite VSECU and Yankee Farm Credit to discuss, with your staff, proposals to increase their lending capacity that will create local contractor and supplier jobs and income.

The Access to Capital Subcommittee needs more direction and focus in the coming meetings. VSECU and Yankee Farm Credit could address the Commission and suggest a collaborative discussion on how to expand this private sector response to climate change while making Vermont more affordable.

*John McCormick*

cc: Jason Gibbs

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Bold Climate Solutions Needed

Dear The Climate Action Commission,

Vermont, losing an estimated 1,500 acres of forested land to development each year, is on the slippery slope that leads to urbanization.

We in VT have experienced the impacts of climate change directly, and we recognize indirect impacts today and the enormous impact that is anticipated in our future. Tropical Storm Irene is just one example of a natural disaster made worse by climate change. Studies have identified the connection between nutrient loading and temperature changes that exacerbate problems in Lake Champlain. Vermont has just experienced two summers in a row where hot and dry conditions have contributed to mountainside soils catching fire. Predictions are for these effects to worsen. Add to this the loss of snow cover for ski areas, declining water quality in our lakes and streams, and the stress and potential loss of our maple sugar industry. And, even though it may happen far away, we are affected by insurance liabilities, gas prices, and increased demand for our tax dollars and personal resources for disaster aid.

Explore and implement opportunities for putting a price on carbon pollution. How can a price on carbon be implemented gradually, so that price signals create an evolutionary shift in our energy economy? How can a carbon tax be implemented in Vermont in an equitable manner, so working Vermonters can understand the signals and respond without bearing a disproportionate share of the burden? How can we apply some of the revenues of carbon pricing to foster efficient deployment of the zero-carbon solutions that establish the energy economy of our future?

Recognize that 100% renewable energy by 2050 is essential in avoiding the most damaging climate impacts. We need to move beyond Vermont's "90% renewable" goal. Science now demonstrates that a rapid transition is essential in avoiding truly devastating and lasting climate change impacts. That means dropping our reliance on fossil fuels for heating and transportation. It means incentivizing carbon-neutral alternatives. It means recognizing the loss of the carbon sinks due to massive hydro development to our north: Hydro Quebec is neither "renewable" nor "carbon-neutral".

Increase electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure and incentives. Vermonters have shown a willingness to plug in vehicles and make use of electricity that can be generated cleanly. Yet even with falling prices, EV's remain out of the reach of many Vermonters. It is essential that incentives make owning and/or leasing an EV an option for as many Vermonters as possible.

Expand Vermont's zero-carbon transportation choices, with a strong focus on mass transit based on renewable generation. Transportation is Vermont's largest source of greenhouse gas emissions, and as the sector projected to grow the fastest, it is imperative that we seek deep-change solutions. Electric buses and improving bicycle-friendly and pedestrian-friendly streets are important. The long term shift requires re-thinking community design as well, away from spread-out settlements that demand automobiles, to compact villages that allow people to stay out of their cars.

Vermont should move aggressively to achieve equitable deployment of renewable heating options. This begins with efficiency: fully funding the great work now being done by the low-income weatherization programs, and expanding the use of the latest heating technology, such as air-sourced heat pumps that can replace much less efficient furnaces.

The commission, and Vermont energy policy in general, should assess the true cost of inaction. There is a cost associated with failing to aggressively invest in efficiency or support development of widely distributed, renewable, independent energy infrastructure. The costs of inaction include storm damage, health costs, environmental degradation, a potentially endangered food supply, and an increased flow of refugees.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Incentivize Solar and Renewables for Residents and Businesses

Oct 29, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

To the Vermont Climate Action Commission,

Climate Change is Real and Vermont has a chance to do something about it! Please, offer substantial incentives to Vermont residents to go solar, and integrate their homes with renewable sources of energy. Net Zero homes needs to be achievable, and encouraged. Also, bring back the ability for community solar projects to happen. The new regulations limit access for this to happen...a big set back. Also, I recommend a price on carbon pollution to fund these incentive to make the transition to clean, affordable energy.

Sincerely,  
Victoria Roberts  
Vermont Citizen, Westminster, Vermont

Sincerely,

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**From:** Susan Altoft <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 9:00 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon Pollution

Oct 28, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am intent that environmental pollution is at crisis level. I am proud to live in Vermont, since we are an independent thinking and progressive people. We must forge on leading our country to sanity, and a healthier environment and future.

Therefore, I insist that we put a fair price on carbon pollution. As we make our eminent goal of efficient clean energy, not just a priority, but an action now, every step is a success, and drives us energetically to a better future.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kevin Leveret <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon Pollution

Oct 28, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

i insist a Price on Pollution must be a part of solutions for the climate crises. a carbon cap would lower carbon emissions, but CO2 is not the only greenhouse gas, so we must cast far wider concerns.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Richard Joy <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 28, 2017 9:59 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon Pollution

Oct 28, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support a tax on carbon pollution for many reasons. Fossil fuel burning activities are destroying this planet so it's time we curtail them.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gretchen Elias <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 8:57 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to make explicit the true cost of fossil fuels. We need a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Lisa Jablow <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 2:27 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The country--and the world--need to face facts: we are running out of time and resources. There is almost no activity on this planet that isn't "fueled" (no pun intended) by financial greed. Money is more important than life, than peace, than kindness, than health, than saving our precious and dwindling resources. Vermont can show the rest of the world that this country actually does care about the planet. It is really not so monumentally difficult for corporations to change to clean energy. But, yes, it does require a bit of investment, one that they are too lazy and greedy to make. The only thing that will speak to them is to have it cost something for them to maintain the status quo. We need to--we MUST--"git 'er done!"

Sincerely,

Lisa Jablow  
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**From:** Robert Keller <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 12:57 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We in Vermont need to do all we can to reduce the carbon pollution, especially since the federal government is reluctant to do all it can.

The plan to have a price on carbon pollution is one of the effective ways to achieve our goal. Please recommend a price on carbon pollution. Thank you.

Robert Keller

Sincerely,

Robert Keller  
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**From:** Cynthia Jackson <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon PollutionAs a step toward

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As a significant step toward further encouraging and enabling Vermonters to become more energy efficient, the taxation of the companies supplying the fuels that create the carbon pollution in Vermont would seem to be a rational choice. The funds thus raised could then be used by citizens to move further along the path to energy efficiency.

A price on carbon pollution = money for energy efficiency!

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Jackson

Sincerely,

Cynthia Jackson  
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**From:** Jennifer Lyons <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 10:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price Carbon Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I want a price on carbon pollution in 2018. Let's change the conversation from if Vermont should do this to how Vermont should do this.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ann Zimmerman <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 8:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

While I am concerned that it be done in a way to lessen the impact on lower-income Vermonters, I have become convinced that behavior doesn't change from long entrenched patterns until the economics favor the change. I think this is true on the personal and public levels. I therefore support putting a price on carbon pollution, so that continuing to contribute to climate change costs more than doing the right thing, which is getting off fossil fuels. I don't think we can put off this decision any longer. We are past the 11th hour for our planet, and Vermont also stands to benefit economically, by keeping our energy dollars here. At the same time, we must make alternatives to driving accessible to more Vermonters.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Carl Bayer <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Undermine the Fossil Fuel Industry

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Anything that encourages recycled energy (solar, wind, demand side conservation) undermines the pollution from Carbon. Do not allow the expansion of infrastructure for fossil fuels (i.e. Vergennes Gas Line), do not allow oil to be transported thru the NE Kingdom (i.e. Portland Gas Line), carbon tax the industry while protecting consumers.  
Remember we once depended on coal.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Nicholas Seifert <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 7:56 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I strongly support putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Charay Malas <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 7:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

PLEASE RECOMMEND A PRICE ON CARBON POLLUTION! WE NEED TO PUT A PRICE ON THE POLLUTING FUELS THAT THE GAS AND OIL GIANTS ARE BRINGING INTO OUR STATE AND PUT MONEY IN VERMONT'S HANDS SO WE CAN TRANSITION TO AFFORDABLE EFFICIENT CLEAN ENERGY !PLEASE STOP CARBON POLLUTION WHICH IS CAUSING GLOBAL WARMING!!!!!!!!!! THANK YOU FROM ALL WHO INHABIT THIS BEAUTIFUL EARTH! PLEASE SAVE IT. THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT! CHARAY MALAS, CHELSEA, VERMONT

Sincerely,

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**From:** Victoria DeWind <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 7:26 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 27, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support alternative energy to slow climate change but I do NOT support in its current form a carbon tax. In a rural state with limited public transportation those with limited income will be unduly impacted. I am not convinced rebates give relief. The money has to come out of their pockets on a daily basis before some day see some come back. Replacing oil furnaces is no small expense if an alternative is an option and often it is not. This needs more thinking. Currently I am not convinced Victoria

Sincerely,

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**From:** bmacleanvt@netscape.net  
**Sent:** Friday, October 27, 2017 6:28 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC

I writing to ask you to support carbon pricing for Vt. Climate change is an existential threat to Vt and indeed the entire planet. We need to be on board for this.

Thanks Bruce MacLean

**From:** Schuyler Gould <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 10:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Of course we should have a carbon tax(call it what you will). It works!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Michael Bosworth <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Three-state program for carbon dividends

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need a) a gradually increasing tax on carbon pollution; b) carbon dividends for all households and businesses; c) border carbon adjustments, especially with New Hampshire; and d) sensible rollback of regulations where not needed. This language of course mirrors closely the "Conservative Case for Carbon Dividends," supported by many level-headed Republican thinkers.

Vermont has lofty renewable energy goals for 2025 and 2035 and 2050, but is nowhere near on the road to reaching them except in the power sector. Only by putting a price on carbon pollution will we be able to make the significant and needed progress in reducing green house gas emissions.

I believe it's time for the Vermont Governor and his administration to have serious discussions with New York and Massachusetts about how best to implement a 3-state price on carbon.

We can be fairly sure that New Hampshire will not take steps to opt in, so there may be some competitive disadvantages to businesses in Vermont Connecticut River towns of such an approach. So as part of this Vermont should take other, compensating steps (lowering the sales tax?) to help to competitiveness of businesses in those river towns.

If a 3-state solution proves infeasible, Vermont should have full discussions of going it alone, with the needed border carbon adjustments.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Heather McGrath <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 9:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Climate Action Commission,

My hope for the Governor's Climate Action Commission is that a carbon pricing plan will be developed that accurately accounts for the damage done by non renewable energy when burned.

A progressive tax on carbon will fairly distribute revenue to Vermonters in the most vulnerable situations. The effects of burning non renewables hit our low income communities the hardest and we need develop a system that will mitigate the harm done.

Thank you,  
Heather McGrath

Sincerely,

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**From:** JJ Vandette <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon Pricing is Critical

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Capitalism only responds to price signals, and we know we need to reduce carbon. So let's put a price on carbon to spur action and get the climate economy started! The future is clean energy and VT needs to get moving!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Brenda Bean <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is critically important to begin to pay for the full costs of our behavior, from purchase of a product we want through to clean-up of its use. Carbon taxing is an important step in that direction. As a consumer I may not like the immediate increased price for fossil fuels but as a human being I will be forever grateful if we protect rather than destroy this precious earth and all its life.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Susan Mills <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 6:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon pollution. This is urgent!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sue and John Morris <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 5:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We support a carbon tax as the most efficaciously path toward protecting the environment.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Eesha Williams <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Price Pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Fund Climate Solutions With a Price on Pollution!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Patrick Mckenzie <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We have to do something about global warming. The thing that makes the most sense is to put a price on carbon pollution. We need to do this for the sake of our children and grandchildren. British Columbia has been thriving since they put a price on carbon. I believe VT will do the same thing if it has the wisdom to do likewise.

Sincerely,

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**From:** John Benjamin <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I recommend putting a price on carbon pollution. It's the wave of the future and quite likely the only thing that will save the planet for our children. Australia did this successfully despite all the naysayers who claimed it would be the end of the world.

Individuals and businesses should pay for the pollution they create.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Gary Chicoine <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support carbon pricing for VERMONT. If you know what is right for VERMONT you will too. Please do the right thing.

Thank you,  
Gary Chicoine

Sincerely,

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**From:** Suzy Hodgson <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 4:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution - whether you call it fee & dividend or something else

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to take into account the true costs and benefits of our energy system and that's the only way we as a state can be truly sustainable with our renewables and energy infrastructure. It's time to put a price on carbon, whether you call it a fee, a tax on the bads to support the goods, it's time to level the playing field so we don't pay later for the climate disaster that's coming our way. Now is the time to take action to benefit our economy and set us on a better course for a cleaner, stronger, and more resilient Vermont economy.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Cate Garvey <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Now is the time! The environment can't wait any longer for us to clean up our act. With fossil fuel prices currently so low we need incentives to switch to cleaner forms of energy.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jamie Montague <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon pollution. Each year we delay this action, is a year of irreversible consequences. Build Vermont's economy and communities on the backs of clean energy. This is it, the time is now, these actions cannot wait any longer.

Please, please think far into the future and act accordingly and with all Vermonter's interests in mind. Protect our future.

Thank you!  
Jamie

Sincerely,

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**From:** William Thurber <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The federal government is really dropping the ball when it comes to transitioning to energy choices that reduce global warming and are healthier for all of us. Vermont needs to lead the way for the nation by putting a price on carbon pollution. Let's put more Vermonters to work building a clean energy future.

Sincerely,

William Thurber  
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**From:** Rebecca Behrens <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on it!

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon. I'm 20 years old, born and raised in Vermont, and studying Climate Change and Energy Systems at Stanford currently. Pricing carbon is the most effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions systematically. It's far, far overdue, and frankly ridiculous that it hasn't happened yet. Our national government is not going to do anything, so it's up to states like Vermont to show that this is both feasible and necessary.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Scott Garren <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on carbon pollution

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Pricing carbon is the effective, economical way to cut pollution and protect our environment. As a rural state, Vermont has much at stake on climate change. Let's move forward with putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

Scott Garren  
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**From:** Courtney Dobyms <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price carbon now

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am so committed to no fossil fuel usage that I have converted to all electric. I have a heat pump for heating and cooling and a electric hot water heat pump. I also got solar panels to generate my electricity.

I know not all Vermonters can afford what I did, but I see it start to happen. That's why I support this initiative. Let's put a price on pollution and make it possible for people to reduce their fossil fuel consumption through weatherization and alternative energy installations.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Terry Naumann <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:25 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Price carbon now

Oct 26, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I strongly support putting a price on carbon pollution. I am a Family Physician and I know that reducing fossil fuel consumption will benefit the health of my patients, my state and country. I urge you to support carbon pricing as well.

Sincerely,  
Terence Naumann, MD

Sincerely,

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**From:** Vermont Intelligence Center <vicambalert@vtalert.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 3:22 PM  
**To:** SOV - All Exchange Users  
**Subject:** TEST - CANCELLATION OF STATE OF VERMONT AMBER ALERT SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

Alert / Warning  
Law / Security - AMBER

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Issued By: VT - Vermont Intelligence Center Affected Jurisdictions: Vermont

Headline: TEST - CANCELLATION OF STATE OF VERMONT AMBER ALERT SYSTEM NOTIFICATION

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

[A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

**First Name:** Mary  
**Last Name:** Graziano  
**Email Address:** tesselara@gmail.com

**Recommendation 1**

Expand sustainable transportation options to more communities, particularly far-flung communities that have a high proportion of commuters. This could even be providing strong support for employers to offer telecommuting options to their employees.

**Recommendation 2**

Invest in safe road infrastructure to make it easier for people to walk and bike--towns with state roads running through them need to have an easier route to making their roads safe for children and older adults.

**Recommendation 3**

Do everything you can to support sustainable electricity production--windmills, solar, green building, etc. Without financial and social support, these projects cannot gain the critical mass they need to be successful and make the changes that need to be made.

**Other Considerations**

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**From:** Vermont Intelligence Center <vicambalert@vtalert.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 2:46 PM  
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TEST OF THE STATE OF VERMONT AMBER ALERT SYSTEM NOTIFICATION.....

On 10/26/2017 at approximately 11:40 4 year old Test Jon Doe was taken from the town of Kentucky in the county of Windsor Vermont. The vehicle was described as a silver GMC or Chevrolet full size truck last seen traveling east on Main street at approximately 1240 hours

Test Jon Doe is described as white/male/ 3'11" / 42lbs / Brown / Brown and was last seen wearing blue short sleeve shirt and yellow sweatpants

Test Unknown is described as white / male / 5'10" / 175 /unk EYE COLOR /unk HAIR COLOR] and was last seen wearing a ball cap, a brown jacket, dark colored pants, black boots and sunglasses

TEST OF THE STATE OF VERMONT AMBER ALERT SYSTEM NOTIFICATION.....

If victim suspect and or vehicle is encountered DO NOT make contact Call 9 1 1

Attachments:

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**From:** J. Alper <J.Alper@umb.edu>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 26, 2017 8:38 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon tax

Let me add my voice. Carbon taxes aren't great, but what else can we do? We are not Miami Beach, but we still need to do something meaningful.

Joseph Alper  
Peacham

**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

[A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

**First Name:** Dakota  
**Last Name:** Butterfield  
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**Recommendation 1**

Tax carbon.

**Recommendation 2**

Provide incentives for locally-controlled, decentralized production of solar-generated electricity.

**Recommendation 3**

Block further fossil-fuel infrastructure investment.

**Other Considerations**

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**First Name:** Christian  
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**Recommendation 1**

Tax carbon

**Recommendation 2**

Incentivize solar and wind, especially decentralized, locally-controlled production like the demonstration project in Rutland.

**Recommendation 3**

Block any further fossil-fuel infrastructure investment.

**Other Considerations**

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**From:** Dakota Butterfield <dakotaloo13@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 9:55 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Carbon Pricing in Vermont

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing to voice my STRONG support for a carbon tax to disincentivize the burning of fossil fuels. We MUST do all we can to reduce the amount of carbon going into the atmosphere, and a carbon tax is one of the most powerful tools government has to achieve that. Plus it will be good for our economy overall.

Thanks for the work you are doing. Tax carbon!!

Sincerely,

Dakota Butterfield

--

*Mother Earth bats last. And she owns the ballpark.*

River Cloud Farm  
Passumpsic VT

**From:** Morris McCain <motain@mcbyron.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:52 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** carbon tax

I support a carbon tax for the State of Vermont and will gladly pay the extra cost it involves as an incentive to reduce our carbon emissions. It would be an ideal new source of revenue for the State, at a time when our financial support from the Federal government is declining.

Morris McCain  
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**From:** Jane Alper <janealper@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 8:31 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** carbon tax

I support a tax on carbon as a means of counteracting climate change provided that it is structured in such a way that it does not unduly burden low-income Vermonters.

Jane Alper

Peacham VT

**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 4:07 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**First Name:** JM  
**Last Name:** Waterman  
**Email Address:**

**Recommendation 1**

Halt all fossil fuel infrastructure expansion in Vermont -- VGS pipeline, for starters.

**Recommendation 2**

Develop a statewide carbon pollution pricing plan, building into it measures that specifically would not only help relieve the burden on low income folks but help them in all possible ways, and make sure all rebate or assistance features are easily accessible. Please refer (again -- you should have already studied this) to "27 Reasons to Price Carbon Pollution," submitted by Thomas Hughes, especially Dan Hoxworth's testimony, pp 43-46:

<http://anr.vermont.gov/sites/anr/files/specialtopics/VTAC/27%20Reasons%20to%20Price%20Carbon%20Pollution%2010.09.17.pdf>

**Recommendation 3**

Create a timeline for achieving the State's 90% renewable energy goal, with specific benchmarks for tasks. Identify those responsible for carrying out tasks, and how accountability will be ensured. Include mechanisms in the plan that protect low-income people, rural communities, and others disproportionately burdened by energy use impacts.

**Other Considerations**

Your Commission needs to include members appointed by the Legislature.

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**From:** Robin Morgan <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 25, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott -

PLEASE consider putting a price on carbon pollution. For companies who are not motivated to improve their ecological footprint by environmental concerns, money can be a great motivator. This could also bring needed funds to supporting Vermont's clean energy initiatives.

Thanks for your consideration!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Timothy Guiles <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 25, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** VT needs a Carbon Tax

Oct 25, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I live in the small community of Brandon. 2 years ago I built a small, efficient house that is totally solar powered and uses zero fossil fuels. My cooking, water heating, space heating, and even my car is entirely powered by my solar panels.

Since I built my little house, many of my neighbors have moved forward to install electric heatpumps, solar panels, and other energy efficiency improvements. Everybody wants to SAVE MONEY, and HELP NURTURE A CLEAN ENVIRONMENT.

We need to have public policy that continues to fuel this healthy change - - - a carbon tax would make it harder to pollute in our state

- - - AND - - - make it possible for lower income people to make their homes more efficient and economical.

A carbon tax is a rational MARKET-DRIVEN approach to creating a better future for all vermonters - - - environmentally and economically.

Thanks for taking a moment to think about my comment,

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**Recommendation 1**  
Revenue neutral Carbon Tax.  
**Recommendation 2**

**Recommendation 3**

**Other Considerations**

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**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**Recommendation 1**

Put a price on carbon. Using a revenue neutral carbon tax with the fee returned to households you can put money back into the pockets of vulnerable Vermonters. Any state carbon price bill should plan for when a price on carbon grows into a regional or national price on carbon. People are advocating all over the world to put a price on carbon because it is the most efficient, straight-forward solution. It's not a matter of if a price on carbon happens, but when. The sooner the better and VT should be a leader. We can do it in a way that protects Vermonters.

**Recommendation 2**

Bills that help farmers turn their farm soils into carbon storage which will improve soil quality, absorb excess carbon dioxide, and protect water quality. win-win-win.

**Recommendation 3**

I would like to see Governor Scott join RepublicEn, a group of conservatives who are "energy optimists and climate realists." We need Republicans to take this issue head on. Conservation of our environment an atmosphere is a conservative value. We need Vermont Republicans to be a voice of reason and action in the climate crisis.

**Other Considerations**

Think boldly and creatively on addressing the climate crisis. We should have done something about this decades ago, now it's the 11th hour. There is no time to waste on half measures.

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**From:** Carly Reitsma <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 10:51 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

This is what is needed and what it is going to take to move us toward energy and climate stability. Please pursue carbon pricing, for the good of all. It is time.

Sincerely,  
Carly Reitsma

Sincerely,

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**From:** Jane Geidel <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please make decisions that help to protect the environment for the future.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**Recommendation 1**

Expand incentives for doing something about the housing and commercial buildings that consume many times as much energy as they should if performing well. The building stock in the state is aged and much of it "insulated" at a time when energy was very cheap, much of it predates any meaningful insulation.

**Recommendation 2**

Encourage the use of electric vehicles by doing whatever it takes to make charging stations as common as gas stations. We need to get 200,000 passenger and light trucks that use gasoline or diesel off the roads. That will require a major increase in renewable electric generation. We went from none to 200,000 in one hundred years, we need to get rid of them in a quarter of that time.

**Recommendation 3**

Encourage the use of electric vehicles by creating day-long "slow" level I charging at all state parking lots sufficient in number to allow every car with a plug to use them. Put PV panels in co-location with the charging stations to reduce transmission losses, and provide shade for the vehicles. That will have the added benefit of reducing the need for AC when the driver returns. Mandate 20% of every parking facility that charges money to park (including street meters) to have spaces for charging EV's.

**Other Considerations**

Add thermal generating devices TEG Seebeck devices (currently mostly bismuth Telluride cells) to the list of net metered generation. I believe a co-generation boiler using wood pellets and a firing rate of less than 10,000 BTU's per hour would heat a large home and generate about 500W continuously from sometime in November to sometime in March. The boiler would be "self powered" and contribute "baseload" in a very tiny amount to the grid. But if there were fifty thousand of them! it would be serious power, and would barely reduce the efficiency of the heating systems. 92% of the heat required to generate TEG electricity is "lost" but if it is lost to a heating system it is not lost at all.

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**From:** Marta Ceroni <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 7:51 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

A carbon tax is an economic booster because it fosters the ingenuity and market diversification in new energy products and services. The renewable energy technology is already booming in VT, imagine with a C tax!  
The C tax is also a great mechanism for allocating funds to families who are struggling and would benefit from seeing part of what they spend at the pump come back into their household. Having seen the beneficial effects of a carbon tax in British Columbia and knowing that Canada is planning to expand the tax to other provinces because of that success, I can only be a fan of this strategy.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**First Name:** Betsy  
**Last Name:** Brigham  
**Email Address:**

**Recommendation 1**

Carbon tax.

**Recommendation 2**

Commit to moving all government buildings and operations to or toward net zero carbon footprint. This may include solar arrays and/or rooftop solar, energy audits on all govt buildings, all-electric fleet.

**Recommendation 3**

Require that all govt purchases, initiatives, etc consider climate impact as integral to the decision making process.

**Other Considerations**

Consider delegating a portion of LIHEAP funds towards investment in solar arrays for low income people, allowing them to reduce their electric costs and support solar energy.

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**From:** Jesse Huffman <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 6:20 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Carbon pricing is a sensible and necessary step toward sustainability, for our state, our nation and our world. Make no mistake, putting a price on carbon will be THE way out of our current fossil fuel quagmire. Vermont enjoys a tradition of being a forward and progressive state that doesn't wait to be told by the federal government what to do. We also claim a lions share of our state income from tourism, a business centered around the natural beauty of the state, and legacy efforts to preserve it intact. Given these pillars of the state's identity and prosperity, I call on the Governor and the Vermont Climate Action Commission to out their money where their mouths are and give carbon pricing a fair and balanced look. We can lead the way, and we should lead the way. As a Vermonter that was born here, left for over a decade and moved back, I expect nothing less.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Sally Conrad <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 3:50 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to put a price on carbon and pay for the real cost to the environment of pollution that's killing us and our planet.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Marcia Hylan <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 2:50 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please tell our Governor an action that can help propel us forward in dealing with climate change: recommend putting a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Maddie Cotter <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Putting a price on carbon pollution is a common sense solution. British Columbia implemented a similar policy and they have seen emissions decrease and the economy increase.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Yes to carbon pricing

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I understand how tough this is to stomach. It feels as though putting a price on carbon may be an incremental tax that further burdens the poorest among us. It's because I care deeply about the well-being of those at the bottom of the pyramid that I support putting a price on carbon. The negative effects of climate change will massively and unfairly burden the poor. By paying to off-set the negative externalities associated with burning carbon we are taking a necessary step to limit the negative impact of warming on our state. It's not the ideal solution - a regional or national plan would be far more impactful. But the clock is ticking and we do not have time to wait for the ideal solution. Our generation needs to bear this burden and we need to act now. Supporting carbon pollution pricing is hard - but our grandchildren will thank us for it.

Sincerely,

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**First Name:** Victoria  
**Last Name:** Roberts  
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**Recommendation 1**

Bold incentives for Net Metering and to help Vermont residents to make the change to transition their homes on renewable energy.

**Recommendation 2**

Please, Please make it so Community Solar can come back! With the new regulations, average citizens have less access to solar. The new regulations have put a big dent in the ability for the very efficient, cost effect, and yes green ways of Community SOLar.

**Recommendation 3**

Carbon pricing! Put a price on dirty energy so we can fund clean energy!

**Other Considerations**

Using the VW settlement for clean energy, not more diesel...

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**From:** Mary McNulty <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 24, 2017 9:49 AM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon

Oct 24, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I've recently begun to use carbon offsets when I fly and have found the experience to be fairly user friendly and financially doable for my family budget. This practice further helps me understand the cost of my actions on the planet and is part of my decision making when I travel now. If we as a state don't look into doing something similar, how will we know the cost of our actions as a state?

As an individual I can only have a small impact on the planet, no matter how well-intended my choices. As a state, we can do so much more to slow the impact of global warming. Please do put a price on carbon pollution so we can together do more.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Madeleine Macdougall <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 7:18 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon

Oct 23, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to internalize our actual carbon impact. Require industry in our state to be taxed on the detriment they do to our environment. Put a price on carbon today!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Thomas Polich <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 2:59 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's Create an Intelligent Energy Network and take the lead in the 21st Century Power System

Oct 23, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The new intelligent energy network will embrace every facet of life; homes, offices, factories and vehicles continuously communicating with one another sharing information and energy on a 24/7/365 basis. It is necessary to create an energy system that meets the changing expectations of consumers and society for the coming decades a high-performing, customer-focused electricity system that is efficient, flexible, resilient, reliable, affordable, safe, secure and clean. A successful transition to a 21st Century Electricity System requires careful consideration of a range of interrelated issues that will ultimately redefine the regulatory framework and utility business model while creating new opportunities for third-party providers and customers to contribute to the operation of the electricity system. The new energy paradigm will still allow big business, including oil & gas, to participate! The opportunity; however, requires EVERYONE's commitment, resources and financial assistance to aggressively move into a new business model managing the People's energies, helping them optimize energy usage, financing technologies, manufacturing and providing services to the various components and processes in this new energy regime. I prefer the term Carbon Dividend; a short term assessment will spring Vermont to the forefront of the 21st Century Electricity System!!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Phyllis Harmon <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 23, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Let's price carbon

Oct 23, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time for Vermont to put a price on the polluting fuels that the gas and oil giants are bringing into our state and put that money in Vermonters' hands so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy.

I believe strongly that it's time to put a price on carbon pollution.

Phyllis Harmon

Sincerely,

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**From:** G. Richard Dundas <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on it!

Oct 22, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I think that we need a tax on carbon emissions, with the proceeds going to low income families for two express purposes:

- 1) insulating or replacing their homes
- 2) developing renewable energy sources

G. Richard Dundas

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ann Wickham <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on it!

Oct 22, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please! We need a price on carbon pollution! We cannot afford to sit back and watch companies continue to pollute, without any consequences.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on it!

Oct 22, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I want to see us taking serious action to help us meet our energy goals sooner rather than later.

Vermont has a long way to go to meet this goal. Today, about 16 percent of the state's total energy portfolio -- for heating, transportation and electricity needs -- is supplied by renewable resources. A recent "Total Energy Study" by the Vermont Public Service Department, however, found that meeting this goal is both affordable and achievable. It will require strong policy to do so, though, and putting a price on carbon pollution was one such potential policy solution.

Let's do it!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Kristine Winnicki <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2017 8:53 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Put a price on it!

Oct 20, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Governor Scott,

I am proud that Vermont is a leader in taking action against climate change. I recently read about all the insects whose populations are declining, a frightening story about the potential loss of our pollinators due in part to climate change. We need to be even more vigilant if we don't want to face cataclysmic environmental impact that is sure to accompany changes in our environment. I am a strong supporter of pricing carbon because it seems to be the most effective way to promote a transition to clean, renewable energy. I think we can do this in a way that will have a positive effect on Vermonters and certainly on our carbon footprint.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Irene Wrenner <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 11:51 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It's time to put a price on the polluting fuels that gas and oil giants are importing into Vermont.

Let's put that money into Vermonters' hands, so they can transition to affordable, efficient clean energy!

Thank you...

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I strongly support to this action. We have been exploiting natural resources and neglecting environmental issues since beginning of revolutionary. Due to those forces, we have been facing massive natural disasters and people have been suffering every day. Climate change is real and it is challenging with us and we are losing it.

I believe that if we stop pollution or reduce carbon pollution, we will live a bit more than we don't stop it now. Even though one person (President of United States) doesn't believe in climate change, doesn't mean we have to agree with him. In order to sustain this planet, we all have to work together and embrace the climate change.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Brian Jennings <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 7:51 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I urge you all to support putting a price on carbon pollution. We must all pay the true cost of the things we consume. The pollution that is emitted from our daily activities has a cost that is being shifted to others and future generations. Only when we pay the real cost of the damage we are doing will our choices change.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

recommend in your final report a price on carbon pollution

Sincerely,

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**From:** Anna Benson <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The most sensible and practical way to increase our ability to switch to clean energy is by making the pollution brokers pat their fair share of the cost dirty energy.

What are you waiting for??

It's fair and smart and we need it.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Mia Leonard <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We need to work together to stop global warming. Our children are relying on us to start the change now. We need to put a price on carbon pollution for the sake of all our futures.

Sincerely,

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**From:** William Fifield <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 6:21 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As a retired family physician, (not a climate expert) I contributed a chapter on climate change to a book written by a neighbor. In the process I learned a lot. Climate change is not something that will happen in the future, it is happening now. 97% of climate scientists believe that climate change is real and is caused by man's burning of fossil fuels and the remaining 3% are the same "scientists"

that were hired by the tobacco companies in their efforts to convince the public that nicotine is not addictive.

Since the federal government will not acknowledge and deal with the reality of climate change, it is up to the states to do everything to mitigate its effects.

If a restaurant dumped its garbage in the street, the police would make the restaurant clean it up.

Fossil fuel companies have been dumping their garbage (CO2) into the atmosphere with impunity for many decades and it is time for this to stop. A carbon tax is one way Vermont could have a significant impact on global warming by decreasing Vermonter's dependence on fossil fuels.

This tax could be phased in gradually starting with perhaps an 8 to 10 cent per gallon increase in the cost of a gallon of gas/fuel oil. This increase is certainly no greater than the increase in cost after the hurricanes shut down the refineries in Texas. The public would oppose any new tax but once people realized that 90% of this tax would be returned to them in the form of rebates and other types of tax relief and would decrease their energy bills by helping with increased home energy efficiency, more efficient transportation (more charging stations for electric cars, better use of rail transportation, etc.) I believe that the majority of people would be on board. New infrastructure would create many new jobs and would benefit the economy and become a "win-win" for everyone. I sincerely hope that those involved in energy policy will strongly consider these initiatives.

Sincerely,

William K. Fifield, M.D.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** A price on carbon for a stronger VT

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Thank you for what you are doing to support a strong and healthy future for all Vermonters. I'm writing to express my strong support for placing a price on carbon, so that those businesses that profit from fossil fuels also bear some of the burden represented by the use of fossil fuels.

A clean environment was once something that everyone could take for granted - for "free." But it is no longer free. A clean environment is expensive, unfortunately. It does not make sense for the cost to fall to the residents who live near pollution caused by outmoded technology and outdated sources of energy. The writing is on the wall: fossil fuels involve a very large cost to the environment and to our health. Alleviating the effects of releasing the carbon in fossil fuels is increasingly expensive.

Someone WILL pay for effects of carbon pollution. Allowing the gas and oil industry to continue operating without taking responsibility for the effects of carbon from their products equals an investment in those companies, as the costs then fall to others while the profits stay with the polluters.

Many of us in Vermont want to use affordable, clean energy.

Technologies and businesses that support this direction are the ones that need and deserve investment. These businesses also represent the direction of the future, as more and more countries and consumers around the world take to them. Please: support clean, affordable energy. Support technology that reduces our use of carbon. Support the health of the people and the health of the economy of our state:  
support a price on carbon!

Sincerely,

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**From:** Grace Winslow <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 19, 2017 5:51 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please recommend a price on carbon.

It's time to invest in our future survival, especially while the cost of gas is relatively low. We have neighbors who think nothing of spending an entire weekend driving ATVs around the woods for fun, creating erosion on the hillside, while we drive a hybrid to save gas.

Clearly they do not value what we value, and do not need to: but perhaps their enthusiastic wastefulness could be modified by a carbon tax.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

>Lets keep the fossil fuels in the ground where they belong , reduce our carbon foot-print , and help the grid with several small independant solar generation making Vermont more sustainable and resistant from outside forces for electricity.

Lets go green , and save green \$\$\$

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Commissioners:

It is with deep concern that I write to encourage you to recommend a price on carbon pollution.

In this small state it is possible to accomplish amazing things. I have been observing the use of non-renewable energy becoming acceptable - the pipelines carrying gas.

This is the wrong way to go and must be discouraged, and an excellent and fair way to deal with this is through payment of carbon emissions. The climate wins and Vermonters win through pricing carbon pollution.

Please do the right thing for our beautiful, small state.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Even though we get a great amount of grumbling when Vermonters hear the words carbon tax, I feel it's necessary to get where we need to be.

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** We need to price carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Vermont Climate Action Commission: There are numerous ways to become energy independent. Some are easier than others. Solar and weatherization are well on their way. Wind has it's issues to compromise. Transportation is a big one as we are rural and heat our homes with fossil fuels. Now is the time to put a price on carbon to help keep our environment cleaner and not continue to have the dollars go to the big oil companies. Use the monies to help subsidize those needy as well as encourage efficiency.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Judith L Blackmer

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

While the national leaders fail to take action to wean our nation off fossil fuels, I look to our state to do all it can and show others what is practical and possible.

I urge you to recommend a price on carbon pollution, as in the plan outlined by the Energy Independent Vermont coalition. I very much want to see our state take the lead in a plan seems well-researched and has worked in British Columbia to reduce carbon emissions while protecting low-income residents and increasing money kept circulating in the local economy. It could serve as a model for other states and thereby make a large impact.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Burning fossil fuels will push us even closer to catastrophic climate change: we are already witnessing the 6th mass die-off in the history of life on earth, the Anthropocene extinction (see [www.smithsonianmag.com/.../what-is-the-anthropocene](http://www.smithsonianmag.com/.../what-is-the-anthropocene)).

Further, the climate crisis should be job#1: without a healthy planet there will eventually be no food to eat nor anyone to vote.

Lastly, don't trivialize the state of the ecosystem by using the term "climate change" -we have a catastrophe, a crisis, and a system wide breakdown: GET WITH THE PROGRAM, or get out of the way

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

A carbon tax would level the playing field for renewables and give incentives to get of fossil fuels.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Hello Folks on the Vermont Climate Action Commission:

Time for Vermont to put a price on carbon along with a return to the folks who need support in buttoning up their houses and living conditions against the cold and obtaining energy from non-carbon burning sources!

Thank you for working to assure a better climate for all future generations. May the decisions Vermont makes today benefit the living conditions on planet Earth for all our grandchildren and their offspring!

Katrina Giard  
Naturalist, Mother and Grandmother

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

I support this endeavor. A little extra in my pocket for the "carbon tax" will enable me to get my solar panels and be more sustainable in the long run.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

We need to care for the planet with more action. Those who are contributing to the problem should also contribute solutions toward it.

A tax could provide money for clean energy enterprises.

Please recommend a price on carbon pollution.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Gabe

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please put a price on carbon taxation. Thanks. Let's get this moving.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Please use this market based method to help reduce the use of fossil fuels and provide the resources to help combat its effects. Please recommend a price.

Sincerely,

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Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Carbon is a powerful source of greenhouse gasses. If I foul up a work site it is my responsibility to clean it up before the job is finished.

Carbon production should come at a cost that fairly reflects the actual cost to our environment and therefore our economy. Don't be afraid of a carbon tax. We live in this state because we care about our environment.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear commission members,  
First thank you for putting your time in and taking on this difficult task.

I strongly recommend Vermont putting a price on carbon pollution.

It's clear to me which way the future is moving and I think we owe it all the people who live in Vermont now to make the transition to less polluting energy and industry as quickly as possible and in a way that does not leave people behind. I think putting a price on carbon pollution will do this. I want Vermont to be in the best possible position economically for this generation, the next generation and for the one after that.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 19, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We all must take bold action now if there is to be a livable world for our children and grandchildren.

Climate change science is real and we are already feeling the effects in so many different ways. From the massive, devastating hurricanes we witnessed this fall in the Atlantic, to record breaking, deadly fires in California, to unsteady and debilitating weather farmers are experiencing right here in Vermont, we are bearing witness to the effects of our impact on this planet.

We, as a State, can lead to mitigate these effects. We, as humans who have contributed to and benefited from our use of fossil fuels, have a responsibility to do what we know is right to stop fossil fuels' disastrous inputs.

We must all support a healthier planet and you have a wonderful chance to do so. Please, look at the science, look at your children and grandchildren and then support a price on carbon pollution.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I was unable to attend any of the meetings to put forth my comments, but would like you to consider my point of view.

I am a strong believer in trying to moderate the effects of human activity on the environment.

While there are plenty of humanitarian and all species concerns, the easiest point for all sides to discuss and agree on, is that the current spiral of climate change will become more and more expensive.

How much will the US spend this year to recover from Harvey, Irma, Jose and the fires in CA and the rest of the west? How much did Irene cost VT? Floods and fires will continue to increase beyond the ability of insurance companies and FEMA to pay. Therefore it is economically imperative to reduce the rate of climate change as quickly as possible.

It has been shown many times that the most efficient way to achieve a result is to make it most profitable to follow the path toward that result. A price on carbon has to be the most efficient and fair way to encourage a decrease in CO2 pollution. Then the market can determine which activities most need to continue producing carbon while other activities will be effectively modified to limit or eliminate carbon pollution. A price on carbon is likely to have the fewest unintended consequences of any other government action to limit CO2 emissions.

Vermont can and should be a leader in this endeavor but a regional solution could be even more effective. Funds raised through carbon sales can pay for the infrastructure required to support needed changes.

Please work toward a plan encouraging an effective quick implementation of a price on carbon to rapidly limit our CO2 pollution and the degradation of our environment.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

As a professional in the green building field, I can absolutely attest to the economic benefits of this type of initiative. So many financial decisions by my clients are based upon an artificially deflated cost of fossil fuels that devalues our work; would that there was an equitable cost shifting of our economy to fossil fuels (meaning not a net increase of tax, but a shift of tax burden onto more carbon-intensive sectors), we would see a huge uptick in our energy-related work that would both yield greater labor-intensive scopes of work (which tends to stay in the local economy by funneling into local individuals rather than leaving the state/country to corporations selling products) as well as allow our state to reach critical carbon reduction goals. This is a win-win, and I believe we can find a path that will not yield a net increase in annual cost burden to working families when coupled with measures that help offset energy consumption.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

a price on carbon pollution can strengthen Vermont's economy and make sure that low- and middle-income Vermonters are not only protected, but prioritized in a way that allows them to transition to cleaner energy options and save money on their energy costs. Do not ignore the voices of your constituents, this is what we want.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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VT Climate Action Commission

It is common practice in this economy to influence behavior in favor of social gain through market adjustments; for example, the Federal tax relief for home mortgages that so benefited a growing middle class after WW 2. We all live on the same planet, and will suffer greatly if we continue to sanction dumping carbon into the atmosphere; short of outright prohibition, we need to put a fee on it, like the tipping fee at Coventry.

My opinion, the revenue should be divided evenly and shared among all Vermonters; this would incentivize high mileage vehicles, although it would also favor city folks unfortunately. And I am concerned about the impact on farms; perhaps we could exempt off-road diesel, as we do for the road tax.

Thing is, however you folks might work it out, we desperately need to put a price on carbon pollution, if not for us, then for our children's sake.

Whether you summon the courage or not, we are all going to have to answer to our children for our vote on this.

Consider carefully,  
Liston

Sincerely,

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
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**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**Recommendation 1**

Put a tax on everything that emits carbon. Use the money to provide low-income vermonters with solar-generated heat/electricity instead of heating oil.

**Recommendation 2**

Put a tax on everything that emits carbon. Use the money to start up a state vermont bank that handles state business, so that we can divest from large bank entities that fund pipelines.

**Recommendation 3**

Put a tax on everything that emits carbon. Use the money to make alternative energy more affordable to vermonters: solar, wind, and wood heat/chimney modifications; weatherization

**Other Considerations**

Put a tax on everything that emits carbon. Use the money to provide incentives to vermonters who grow food for farmers markets and restaurants/cafes, and to provide incentives for people to shop/eat local

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**From:** Mary McCarthy <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7:49 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Given that Carbon pollution is not being responsibly paid for by the entities that are creating it then it needs to be taxed. The polluters need to pay.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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First Name:  
Last Name:  
Email Address:

**Recommendation 1**

Don't just send money. Help them! Go over and help them clean up the water. Send food! give them a transportation that makes it possible to transport. Send boats to Houston at least!

**Recommendation 2**

document this!!! because this is the result of just all talk and no action!

**Recommendation 3**

Please do not just send the countries money. Money doesn't solve everything. sympathize with them. Go there and have a person to person interactions.

**Other Considerations**

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**From:** anr.webmaster@vermont.gov  
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**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**Recommendation 1**

Institute Carbon Pricing. There needs to be a price on pollution to incentivize a reduction in fossil fuel use.

**Recommendation 2**

Promote regenerative agriculture and research cutting edge ideas for climate change mitigation in all segments of society where energy use is required.

**Recommendation 3**

Codify any fossil fuel reduction goals into law. Create incentives for innovation in energy conservation and efficiency.

**Other Considerations**

Use the power of the state to create incentives for citizen participation in creating a carbon free, fossil fuel future, that emphasizes strengthening communities and creating regenerative systems.211534

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**Other Considerations**

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Climate Action Commission Public Comment

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**Recommendation 1**

Vermont needs to create efficient, effective public transportation and Vermonters like me will be willing to incur increased taxes (as I will have decreased car expenses).

**Recommendation 2**

we should have a carbon tax.

**Recommendation 3**

incentives and subsidies for switching residential and commercial properties to solar and wind energy,

**Other Considerations**

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**From:** Henry Barthel <bounce@convio.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 18, 2017 7:19 PM  
**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Tell the brothers they can only go so far.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

If we're going to move forward, and we need to for our future, then we need to do this. Please let's be the state that continues to show the rest how to do it. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

We've all experienced climate change. No one argues that. What's in dispute is whether it's a consequence of human activity, and if so, what's to be done. As a retired scientist, I trust the scientific method and accept the conclusion of the vast majority of climate scientists. The consequences of doing so are far less worrisome than what is predicted if nothing is done. And those who reject the science of climate change give little reason to do so except their wealth will be compromised, in keeping with all the other causes they support, and which I oppose.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I am writing to urge the Commission, well, I am not sure urge is quite right. It is way time, long overdue, and really so necessary to put a price on carbon pollution. We must, as a state, take up the charge, to end carbon pollution. One way is to let us all in on the great harm carbon polluters are doing to our health, are way of life, the survival of our youngest and oldest, and then the rest of us, by taking a strong stand, penalizing the major polluters.

PLEASE RECOMMEND A PRICE ON CARBON POLLUTION IN VERMONT, AND MAKE IT TRULY FIT THE HARM DONE.

DON'T PENALIZE VERMONT DRIVERS WITH GAS PENALTIES, WITHOUT HUGELY SUPPORTING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, BICYCLES, TRAINS, BUSES, CARRIAGES..!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

It is imperative that we decrease our use of fossil fuels. The life of our planet and the lives of our children and future generations depend on the decisions that we make today. Our planet is teetering on a disaster or as we have seen lately multiple disasters that will be catastrophic for all life as we know it. A price on carbon, more extensive renewables as well statewide electric vehicle charging stations are important goals to implement. As our elected officials, you have the future of our children in your hands. Look to European countries for ideas. Many are lightyears ahead of us. No more studies. It is time for action!

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

With climate change happening faster than we'd like to admit, it's appalling and heartbreaking that so little has been done to rein it in.

How terrible that I now seriously hope my young adult sons will not bring children into a world that will be nightmarish by the time children would be reaching young adulthood. But we just might stop short of crossing the line between "nightmarish" and "uninhabitable" by putting a steep price on carbon - NOW. A carbon price should be a crucial piece of system-wide efforts to support a rapid transition to freedom from fossil fuels. Please do all you can to enact a forceful, effective campaign to end fossil fuel use.

There's simply no more time to delay.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ted Allen <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

A revenue neutral carbon taxing scheme that offsets the tax by sales tax reduction or some other method will help Vermont get off carbon fuels and promote alternative energy jobs while protecting those most at risk. Find a way to do it. Please

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**From:** Eric Higley <bounce@convio.net>  
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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I support a price on carbon pollution. I'm in favor of this tax being revenue neutral. This will help renewable energy come up to parity with fossil fuels.

There is a several decade lag between CO2 emissions and there effects, and we are already seeing serious consequences of inaction. Let's take action to help keep our beautiful state in balance.

Thank you.

Eric Higley

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

I think it would be smart for the Vermont Climate Action Commission to put a price on carbon pollution. At the same time, I'm also in favor of encouraging more solar and wind power in Vermont, with the proviso that Towns (not the State) have jurisdiction over siting of such facilities.

Both solar and wind power can create jobs, cheap and clean energy, and move Vermont forward towards meeting its energy efficiency goals.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

I have been a university professor for the past 27 years. My areas of expertise are forest and insect ecology. There is no greater issue facing the human race today than climate change. There is absolutely no question that climate change is caused by human activities that have released massive amounts of greenhouse gases into our atmosphere. We need to STOP burning fossil fuels as soon as possible if we hope to leave a planet that will be habitable by future generations.

Vermonters overwhelmingly support carbon pricing. You need to listen to Vermonters now and do the right thing to ensure a planet that our children, grandchildren, and future generations can enjoy. Clean energy is the only way for the human race to survive on earth. Vermont should be a leader in showing the rest of the world what is possible and what is absolutely necessary. Please listen to the many Vermonters who are truly and rightfully concerned about the future of the human race.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

It is long past time to put a price on carbon. The time to act is NOW!

Thanks.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

I don't support a carbon tax. I don't think taxing people who use energy is the answer. Vermont doesn't need to tax its population any more PERIOD. I think conservation is the answer. Example would be insulation of heated construction (homes, businesses). I have done a lot but would like to do more to my home but as time has come n gone my wages have not kept up. I would like to put new ,more heat saving, doors in my home (two). If the state of Vermont would help home owners like myself with the cost of such changes it would really help. Helping people go solar. I would. I heat my home with wood however my home came with base board electric heating. I brarely use it. My electricity bill is less than 40 dollars a month. I would use the baseboard heating system if I had solar but wont invest sence wood is so cheep for me and a good workout. If I could get the state to front part of the cost I would consider it. Tax people who buy four door pickups.

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VT Climate Action Commission

Our climate is precious. Indeed, it is the world in which we live. By human action, primarily the extended overuse of fossil fuels, it has become increasingly compromised and threatened as we are now seeing with '100-year' super storms, years long droughts, life and property destroying wildfires and the reduction or extinction of many species of our wildlife.

There are many options for reducing our current climate 'footprint' including renewable energy sources, weatherization of buildings to reduce energy use, use of electric vehicles, more available mass transit options to name but a few. But the most important option is a carbon pollution tax.

Putting a price on the worst polluters - fossil fuels - would not only reduce consumption but apply the cost of moving to a 'sustainable state' to the worst impediment to that progress. Monies from the tax would be returned in the form of a tax rebate as well as used to facilitate and support the options mentioned above, making the critical changes needed easier for all but especially lower-income Vermonters. This part of the population has most often been the recipient of the worst economic damage from climate-related events and the effects of pollution.

Vermont has historically been a state of bold and innovative action.

Now is clearly a time to be that bold leader. We must work together in communities and as a state to identify and implement solutions to our climate degradation which are both fair and beneficial to all Vermonters. One of the most important of these ways is to put a tax on carbon polluters.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Save mother earth !!!!

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Please do your part to move putting a price on carbon emissions forward as Vermont's energy policy. Clearly, it would be best if the nation or at least the entire New England region was pushing in the same direction, but we can and should be the leader.

There are good examples

-- notably British Columbia -- that taxing carbon emissions is a free market policy (sending a true price signal to users) that supporters of capitalism rather than government-mandated technology solutions should endorse. The income can be handled in a way that makes the tax progressive or at least neutral while furthering our steps toward our stated energy goals for Vermont.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Digging up and exporting fossil fuels has no future in a world that wants to avoid catastrophic climate disruption.

The general scientific consensus is that we need to be at zero emissions by 2050 if we are to have hope of avoiding a major catastrophe.

The first step needed to stop carbon pollution is to eliminate the, totally unjustified, massive amount of subsidies that Fossil Fuel Industry receives on the taxpayer dime.

Subsidies give Fossil Fuels an unfair, and environmentally insane, economic advantage. This is detrimental to Renewable Energy and contributes to the continual degradation of our biosphere.

Details on all the subsidies our government provides (and Pruitt's duplicitous mendacity) at link below :

<http://renewablerevolution.createaforum.com/fossil-fuel-foolly/fossil-fuel-subsidies-in-the-u-s/msg8134/#msg8134>

"We can't have a healthy business on a sick planet."-- Ashley Orgain, previous manager of mission advocacy and outreach for Seventh Generation, Burlington, Vermont

"We do not need a 'new' business model for energy because we never had one. What we need, if we wish to avoid extinction, is to plug the environmental and equity costs of energy production and use into our planning and thinking. " -- A.G. Gelbert

"Facts do not cease to exist because they are ignored." -- Aldous Huxley

"Technical knowledge of Carrying Capacity will not save us; only a massive increase in Caring Capacity will." -- A. G. Gelbert

Business as Usual CANNOT CONTINUE!

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**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

Hi folks

I'm very supportive of putting a price on carbon pollution. My more conservative friends are fond of telling me that market forces can cure all ills. In this case I believe that they may have a point and that the market could in fact play an important role in curbing carbon pollution.

We are all bearing the costs of carbon pollution. Ask a Puerto Rican; ask an Irish person this week; ask anyone in Vermont's ski industry or in lake-based tourism. Climate change is driving more intense and severe storms and indeed driving the increased rain intensity that flushes ever more phosphorus into Lake Champlain.

Algal blooms are driven by the combination of phosphorus and warmer water temperatures in August, and even into September this year. This drives tourists from our lake and beaches. Our ski industry will be in serious jeopardy as our climate starts to look like Pennsylvania's or worse yet Georgia's. Anyone planning a ski vacation in the Poconos? I wouldn't recommend it.

So respectfully, my questions for the Vermont Climate Action Committee:

How long must the Vermont economy bear the significant costs of climate change without holding the polluters responsible for these costs?

Let's not wait for another tropical storm Irene to drive the point home.

Sincerely,

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VT Climate Action Commission

Let Vermont lead the way toward clean energy and reduction in greenhouse gases!

Sincerely,

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**Subject:** Support a price on carbon pollution

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VT Climate Action Commission

I'm writing to strongly endorse putting a price on carbon to reduce its use and impacts on pollution and climate change. This can be done in ways that share the burden of the price increase fairly among Vermont residents and also may provide some surplus funds to support more efficient usage (public transportation) or promote more use of alternative energy.

Sincerely,

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**To:** ANR - VCAC  
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Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

What are the ranges of prices that are being considered? And what offset can low income citizens expect to help adjust to the pricing?

Thanks

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Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

As the winters grow shorter and the storms worse, we can't afford to sit still and continue to pollute.  
Please help our environment by putting a price on carbon pollution!

Thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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Oct 18, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

Dear Commission,

As a young person, I strongly believe that climate change is the gravest challenge of our time. My generation and those that follow will live to see the most catastrophic impacts of a warming world. Failing to take action now essentially condemns today's youth to an deeply unstable, possibly uninhabitable planet. Do you want that future for your children/grandchildren? If not, I urge you to commit to climate action by supporting a price on carbon. We are already paying for climate disasters, so why not be proactive and enact a fee on the pollution that is fueling this destruction on the front end? Please recommend a carbon price NOW.

Thank you.

\*Full disclosure - I worked on writing/research supporting carbon pricing as an intern last spring with Vermont Natural Resources Council.

Sincerely,

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Oct 16, 2017

VT Climate Action Commission

The single most important action we can take to address climate change is putting a price on carbon pollution here in Vermont and using that to shift our economy to locally produced, renewable energy.

Sincerely,

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[A comment was submitted on the Climate Action Public Comment site](#)

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**Recommendation 1**

Attended Year 2 Enhanced Energy Plan meeting put on by Two Rivers Ottaquechee Regional Commission. Struck by how meager the rewards are for this effort: the Public Utility Board has to read the town plan in making CPG application decisions. How about more: Have the ANR evaluate and PRE-APPROVE Town designated preferred sites for renewable energy projects? The pre-approval should be a strong incentive to developers to focus on these sites by reducing the steps necessary for a project, and assist the PUB in their CPG decision. The result is siting that the town and ANR sanction. Numbers of designated sites will likely be low, so no great additional burden to ANR.

**Recommendation 2**

Second potential award: move proposed projects with town preferred siting and ANR approval to the front of the line for PUB evaluation.

**Recommendation 3**

**Other Considerations**

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**Attachments:** 10.2017 VT Climate Action Committee Testimony.pdf

**Importance:** High

Please see the attached written comments to be considered by the VT Climate Action Committee on behalf of the Vermont Dairy Producers Alliance.

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