

Citizens' Climate Lobby – Resources for Lawyers

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CARBON PRICING PROPOSALS & ADVOCACY

- **CCL's proposal for Carbon Fee & Dividend:** See "Our Climate Solution" tab for proposal details and two independent analyses of CCL's proposal: <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/>.
 - *The REMI Report: The Economic, Climate, Fiscal, Power and Demographic Impact of a National Fee-and-Dividend Carbon Tax*, prepared by Regional Economic Models, Inc. and Synapse Energy Economics, Inc., 2014.
 - *The Household Impacts Study: Impact of CCL's proposed carbon fee and dividend policy: A high-resolution analysis of the financial effect on U.S. households* by Kevin Ummel, Research Scholar, Energy Program, Int'l Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, 2016.
- CCL's **Business Climate Leaders** project engages major American businesses and business organizations in effective nonpartisan climate advocacy. Together with several business-focused nonprofits, it has developed a set of carbon pricing principles to inform proposed legislation. Carbon Pricing 101 section includes resources for policy makers and global map of existing, emerging and considered carbon pricing instruments. <https://www.businessclimateleaders.org/>
- **Climate Leadership Council:** Higher starting price than CCL's proposal, increase pegged to inflation rate, only prices CO₂, quarterly dividend, regulatory rollback. www.clcouncil.org
- **Washington State:** Gov. Inslee proposes initial price \$20/ton with revenue to clean energy projects, floodwater management and low-income assistance. www.seattletimes.com 1/9/18.
- **Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition:** Leaders from government, private sector, academia, and civil society who advocate carbon pricing policies. www.carbonpricingleadership.org
- **Carbon Tax Center:** <https://www.carbontax.org/>
- **Niskanen Center:** *The Conservative Case for a Carbon Tax*, <https://niskanencenter.org/>
- **RepublicEn:** <http://www.republicen.org/>
- **Partnership for Responsible Growth:** <https://www.partnershipforresponsiblegrowth.org/>

DEVELOPMENTS IN CONGRESS

- **American Opportunity Carbon Fee Act of 2017:** S. 1639 by Whitehouse (D-RI), H.R. 3420 by Blumenauer (D-OR). Higher starting price than CCL's proposal, increase pegged to inflation rate, not revenue-neutral.
- **Bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus:** 33 Republicans + 33 Democrats exploring policy options that address the impacts, causes, and challenges of our changing climate. <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/climate-solutions-caucus/>
- **National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2018:** Signed 12/12/17, DoD to report on risks of climate change within 1 year. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-bill/2810>
- **H.Res.195:** *Expressing the commitment of the House of Representatives to conservative environmental stewardship*, 23 Republican co-sponsors. <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/house-resolution/195>

LEGAL RESOURCES

- Columbia University Sabin Center for Climate Change Law: Resources for climate change law, regulation and litigation. <http://columbiaclimatelaw.com/>
- *Lawyers and Climate Change: The First National Conference of Lawyers Committed to Addressing the Climate Emergency*, April 2017, <http://www.climatechangecl.org/>

ECONOMIC RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- *From Risk to Return: Investing in a Clean Energy Economy*: **The Risky Business** project examines business risks of climate change, and technology choices and investment options for three deep decarbonization pathways. <http://riskybusiness.org/fromrisktoreturn/>
- What is climate change costing the U.S. government? *Climate Change: Information on Potential Economic Effects Could Help Guide Federal Efforts to Reduce Fiscal Exposure*, **U.S. Government Accountability Office**, Sept. 2017, <https://www.gao.gov/assets/690/687466.pdf>
- **Carbon Tracker**: An independent financial think tank that evaluates risk and opportunity for investors on the path to a low-carbon future. www.carbontracker.org
- Map the risks to specific communities with *Surging Seas: Sea Level Rise Analysis* risk finder and maps: **Climate Central**. <http://sealevel.climatecentral.org/>
- **CCL member Shannon Caraway** has evaluated benefits of CO₂ price (CLCouncil version) to Texas natural gas industry. Contact him at swcaraway68@gmail.com.
- **N TX Transportation Study**: "Climate Change/Extreme Weather Vulnerability and Risk Assessment for Transportation Infrastructure in Dallas and Tarrant Counties," www.uta.edu.

CLIMATE AND HEALTH

- *The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States: A Scientific Assessment*, **U.S. Global Change Research Program**, 2016. <https://health2016.globalchange.gov/>
- *Health and Climate Change: Policy Responses to Protect Public Health*, **The Lancet**, November 7, 2015. www.thelancet.com/climate-and-health

CLIMATE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

- **The Center for Climate and Security**: a non-partisan policy institute exclusively focused on the intersection of climate and security. <https://climateandsecurity.org/>

CLIMATE SCIENCE

- **National Climate Assessment**: 13 federal agencies directed by Congress to report on climate science and impacts. www.globalchange.gov. Most recent full report is the 2014 report, NCA3. The NCA4 assessment is underway, with the stand-alone *Climate Science Special Report* released in 2017: <https://science2017.globalchange.gov/downloads/> (Executive Summary available).
- **Dr. Katharine Hayhoe**: Texas Tech climate scientist, <http://katharinehayhoe.com/wp2016/>, "Global Weirding with Katharine Hayhoe" on YouTube, Twitter @KHayhoe.
- **Climate Central**: Independent science and journalism. <http://www.climatecentral.org/>
- **Climate Interactive**: Simulation models and interactive tools to test strategies. <https://www.climateinteractive.org/>

PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY (PACE) www.texaspaceauthority.org/

- Financing for energy efficiency, water efficiency and onsite generation retrofits
- Available for existing commercial, industrial, multifamily and non-profit properties
- Private lenders furnish up to 100% project cost, loan term up to 20 years
- Project design net cash flow positive with third-party certification
- Secured by senior lien that runs with the property (existing lienholder consent required)
- Loan cannot be accelerated
- PACE approval by taxing jurisdictions required