

Welcome to the Call

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Group Meetings from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Pacific**
Call from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Pacific** (1:00 PM EST)

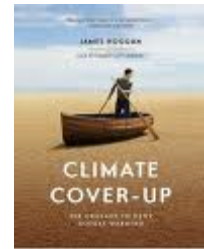
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Our Speaker is **Richard Littlemore**, co-author of Climate Cover Up.

Democracy is utterly dependent upon an electorate that is accurately informed. In promoting climate change denial (and often denying their responsibility for doing so) industry has done more than endanger the environment. It has undermined democracy. Read more

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ACTIONS:

- 1) Request and confirm meetings in Washington, D.C. during the National Conference. If you are unable to attend the Conference, request meetings with your members of Congress for June 23, 24 and the 25th with the Founder and Executive Director of Citizens Climate Lobby.
- 2) Write two letters to your grandchildren. 1 - Explaining how we solved the climate crisis. 2 - Explaining how we tried but failed to solve the climate crisis. Read your letters to your Group and select which ones will be recorded at the National Conference.
- 3) Practice the Laser Talk (p 2).

A climate solution the people can support

More and more, Americans are seeing the need to move away from fossil fuels:

The drilling disaster in the Gulf of Mexico was a direct result of our insatiable appetite for oil.

The National Academy of Sciences recently confirmed the long-held consensus that the climate is changing and human activity is the primary cause. For the first time, a scientific body recommended a strong course of action, which is to put a price on carbon-based fuels that will speed the transition to clean energy.

Despite their desire to address these problems, the public is held back by fear, a fear that any solution will inflict economic hardship by raising the cost of energy.

We can assuage those fears by placing a direct fee on carbon and returning all of the revenue to the American people.

Leading climate scientist Dr. James Hansen has proposed this approach with his “People’s Climate Stewardship Act.” A fee on carbon dioxide would start at \$15 per ton and increase \$10-15 each year. Within a decade, wind, solar and other renewable energy would be competitive with oil and coal.

At the same time, all revenue from the carbon fee would be returned to every household, either through direct payment or payroll tax reductions. It’s estimated that by the end of the decade the “carbon dividend” would average about \$1,500 per person annually. By returning all revenue, 70 percent of American households will come out ahead or break even with rising energy costs. Those with a smaller carbon footprint will certainly pocket more of the dividend.

Putting a price on carbon will reduce our need for foreign oil and oil obtained from risky offshore drilling. It will also induce an explosion of investments in green technology that will produce millions of new jobs and eventually lower CO2 to levels that are safe and sustainable.

Americans want to do their part to solve the climate and energy crisis. Let’s give them a solution that won’t put them in the poorhouse.

Congressman, will you support Dr. Hansen’s “People’s Climate Stewardship Act”?

Bullet points for laser talk

- Americans see need to get off fossil fuels
- Gulf oil spill
- NAS studies; need to price carbon
- Fear of rising energy costs
- Calm fears by returning carbon revenue
- Hansen’s “People’s Climate Stewardship Act”
- \$15 per ton CO2; up \$10-15 each year
- Clean energy competitive in 10 years
- Return all revenue; payment or tax reduction
- \$1,500 each in 10 years
- 70 % Break even or ahead
- Cut need for foreign, offshore oil
- Spur investment, create jobs, lower CO2
- Stay out of poorhouse
- Ask to sponsor