



What is the mission of Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)?

The purposes of CCL are 1) To build the political will for a stable climate; 2) To empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power.

How did Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL) get started?

"After I had given just a few talks about the climate, I realized that the actions I was suggesting to my listeners to take, while essential, were not a match for the problem. I realized that anything they intended to do would be swamped by what the government did or did not do. I realized that ordinary people like me would have to organize, educate ourselves, give up our hopelessness and powerlessness, and gain the skills to be effective with our government." ~ Marshall Saunders, Founder of Citizens Climate Lobby

What does climate scientist Dr. James Hansen say about CCL?

"Most impressive is the work of the Citizens Climate Lobby, a relatively new, fast-growing, nonpartisan, nonprofit group with 35 [now 40 and growing] chapters across the United States and Canada. If you want to join the fight to save the planet, to save creation for your grandchildren, there is no more effective step you could take than becoming an active member of this group."

How does CCL work?

- CCL uses a mix of group empowerment and support that includes monthly national conference calls with a guest speaker for all Partners and weekly calls with group leaders.
- CCL trains Partners to speak powerfully to their elected officials, the media and their local communities in order to inspire members of Congress to be leaders and spokespersons for a stable climate.
- CCL Partner meet with their members of Congress, launch letter-writing campaigns, write letters to the editor and op-ed pieces, and generate editorials to promote a sustainable climate.

In 2011, CCL Partners have...

- had 224 meetings with congressional offices
- met with 27 newspaper editorial boards
- published 130 letters to the editor
- published 27 opeds
- generated 7 editorials
- generated 42 articles
- sent 1,765 personal letters to Congress
- participated in 166 outreach events

What is CCL working on now?

CCL is working to enact legislation that will put a direct and steadily-increasing fee on carbon-based fuels that will wean our nation off fossil fuels and move us toward greater use of clean energy sources like solar and wind. This legislation should also return revenue from the carbon tax to households so that consumers have the income to pay for increased energy costs. Such a bill has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Pete Stark (D-CA) – the Save Our Climate Act of 2011 – and CCL Partners are working to gain support for this legislation.