

30TH BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES CITY OF STAMFORD

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RESOLUTION NO. 3935

RESOLUTION URGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PASS LEGISLATION IN SUPPORT OF A NATIONAL REVENUE NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND IN ORDER TO HELP SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, the sustainability and viability of a clean environment is critical for the safety and well-being of our society; and

WHEREAS, damaging weather systems are increasing that threaten lives and properties and stress community emergency response resources; and

WHEREAS, sea levels of the world are rising and if unabated will substantially impact private, public, and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, citizens have become concerned with the ramifications of poor management of the environment and its impacts now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, an effective plan to address climate change must provide a measurable benefit to improving the environment while not detracting from economic viability or opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the United States congress has acknowledged that climate change is an important matter that needs to be considered and addressed; and

WHEREAS, there is strong scientific agreement that climate change is occurring and is at least partially the result of human activity, including but not limited to the use of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, continuing to use fossil fuels at the current rates will increase the long-term damage of climate change, which will become more and more difficult and expensive to reverse and even to slow; and

WHEREAS, a Federal, Revenue Neutral Carbon Tax on fossil fuels would reflect their net real costs to our nation and its citizens; and

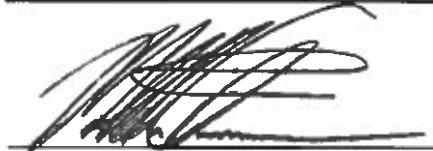
WHEREAS, such carbon tax revenue would be returned to citizens to mitigate its economic impact.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the members of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford hereby express their support of a federally mandated, national revenue neutral carbon tax with all revenues refunded to the citizens; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford, Connecticut urge Senator Richard Blumenthal, Senator Chris Murphy, and Representatives Jim Himes to take the necessary actions to examine the feasibility of such carbon tax and dividend to citizens and enact such a program to help slow climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to US Senators Blumenthal and Murphy and U.S. Representative Jim Himes.

This resolution was approved by a machine vote of 28-9-1 at the regular monthly meeting of the 30th Board of Representatives held on February 4, 2019.



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