



# TOWN OF PENFIELD

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Hon. Joseph D. Morelle  
United States House of Representatives

Hon. Charles E. Schumer  
Hon. Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
United States Senate

Subject: The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, H.R. 2307

Hon. Elected Officials:

On behalf of the entire Penfield Town Board, we continue to recognize the effects from the use of fossil fuels and the consequences for public health and the environment.

We have in the past, and continue to support Congress exploring the effective use of free-market mechanisms to help mitigate these effects by carefully reviewing legislation for The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA) H.R. 2307. It is our understanding that the health, environmental and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, rather these costs are borne directly and/or indirectly by all customers.

With the consideration of enacting EICDA, Congress could assess a national carbon fee on fossil fuels based on the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> the fuel would emit when burned, thus allocating all collected proceeds to every U.S. household in equal shares in the form of a monthly dividend.

This EICDA will also encourage market driven innovation and competition of all clean energy technologies which would help reduce harmful pollution, assist in reversing global warming and potentially foster market efficiencies which could result in lower overall costs to households.

For these reasons we ask Congress to consider The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act H.R. 2307 before you, which would reduce emissions and not financially burden citizens in any way moving forward.

Thank you for your consideration:

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