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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.763

Ladies and Gentlemen:

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

We support Congress exploring the effective use of free-market mechanisms to help mitigate these effects by reviewing legislation for The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act ("EICDA") H.R.763. As we understand it, the environmental, health and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, rather these costs are borne directly and indirectly by all consumers.

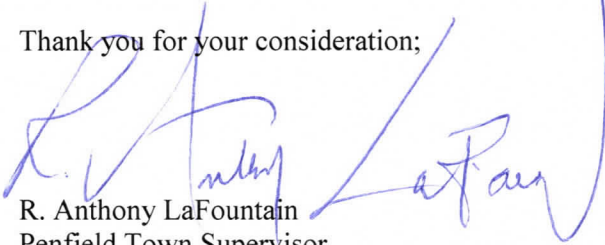
To begin to correct this market failure, Congress can enact the EICDA to assess a national carbon fee on fossil fees based on the amount of CO₂ the fuel will emit when burned and allocate the collected proceeds to all U.S. households in equal shares in the form of a monthly dividend.

The EICDA encourages market driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will help reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable and potentially more prosperous country for future generations.

It is estimated that the dividend component of the EICD could benefit between 60 and 70% of American households by putting money into local economies and creating jobs.

For these reasons we ask the Congress of the United States to consider The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act H.R. 763 that would reduce emissions and not financially burden citizens.

Thank you for your consideration;


R. Anthony LaFountain
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