

## Statement on the Importance of the CLEAR Act

We are pleased that the *CLEAR Act--the Carbon Limits and Energy for America's Renewal Act, S-2877--* has been introduced into the U.S. Senate and is gaining interest and support. This legislation, introduced by Senators Maria Cantwell (D-Wa) and Susan Collins (R-Me), will help solve the climate crisis while growing our economy and helping working families prosper. It is simple, fair and built to last.

The legislation aims to cut greenhouse gas pollution 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and 83% by 2050. It allows for the President and a simple majority in Congress to make those targets stronger. It auctions 100% of the carbon permits, allows for no potentially complex "carbon offsets," and prevents Wall Street involvement in the carbon market. It will spur economic investment and innovation and create millions of jobs in clean energy.

It protects the purchasing power of American families by returning 75% of the revenue raised by the auction to all legal residents on a monthly, per capita basis. A family of four will receive approximately \$1,000 a year, and that amount is expected to increase over time. This climate dividend will help protect all families from rising energy prices and provide a majority of Americans with a net increase in annual income.

The remaining 25% of auction revenue will be used for U.S. and international greenhouse gas reduction, clean energy, energy efficiency, transition assistance and similar purposes.

No other carbon cap proposal before the Senate does as much to help American families, our economy, and our planet.

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Alaska Marine Conservation Council

Association of World Citizens

Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Md/D.C./Va.

Citizens for Pennsylvania's Future (PennFuture)

Clean Air Watch

Climate Change is Elementary

Climate Protection Campaign, California

Consortium for Worker Education, N.Y., N.Y.

Dakota Resource Council

Earth Charter Lifeboat Academy of Pennsylvania

Fresh Energy, Minnesota

Friends Committee on National Legislation (Quakers)

Global Warming Education Network, Massachusetts

Grassroots Coalition for Environmental and Economic Justice, central Pa.

Idaho Conservation League

Institute for Local Self-Reliance

International Rivers

Kinnelon (NJ) Conserves

Kyoto USA

Las Vegas, NM City Council

Lexington, Ma. Global Warming Action Coalition

Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Justice Peace/Integrity of Creation Office

Montana Environmental Information Center

National Community Action Foundation  
National Consumer Law Center, on behalf of its low-income clients  
New Energy Economy, New Mexico  
New Mexico Green Chamber of Commerce  
New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG)  
New York Interfaith Power and Light  
North Carolina Conservation Network  
Ohio Citizen Action  
The Order of the Earth, central Pa.  
Organic Consumers Association  
Our Next Economy LLC  
Plains Justice (ND/SD/Mt/Ne/Ia/Wy)  
Pax Christi, USA  
Polytrade International Corp.  
Post Carbon Institute  
Public Citizen  
Quaker Earthcare Witness  
Santa Rosa City Council, California  
Sebastopol City Council, California  
Sonoma City Council, California  
The Shalom Center  
Social Justice Committee, First Unitarian Church of Lynchburg, Va.  
Sustainable Design  
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*For more information on the CLEAR Act go to <http://www.supportclearact.org>.*