1. Thank an economist in your universe for supporting carbon fee & dividend

More than 3,500 economists have signed a statement supporting carbon dividends. (Image courtesy of Federal Reserve Bank of New York)

More than 3,500 U.S. economists, including four former Federal Reserve chairs and two former Treasury secretaries, have signed a statement supporting carbon dividends -- and we’ve made it easy for you to get in touch with them.

According to the Climate Leadership Council, the economists state that “a carbon tax offers the most cost-effective lever to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed that is necessary,” and American families “will benefit financially by receiving more in ‘carbon dividends’ than they pay in increased energy prices.”

The list of economists who have signed the statement has been posted in the Citizens’ Climate Lobby Economics Policy Network and available here. Sorted by U.S. state, the list enables you to highlight the names in your chapter meetings. Better yet, you can reach out to personally thank them for their support and ask them to work with us in lobbying members of Congress. Dozens of these economists are in high-priority states including Louisiana, Ohio, Colorado, Kentucky, Iowa and North Carolina.

BCL just published a report outlining how pricing carbon will impact the sports sector.

BCL describes in a new resource how businesses in the professional and recreational sports fields will benefit from the Energy Innovation Act’s carbon fee and dividend plan. BCL has published this resource here to provide useful information when talking to sports business owners about carbon fees and the benefits it will provide to them and the economy.

We note that because businesses in the same industry are impacted similarly, with all competitors’ costs rising in a similar fashion, there will be little to no immediate competitive disadvantage between them. And because the dividend goes directly to consumers, they will have more to spend at sports venues and on equipment and fees for all kinds of activities, from archery to ziplining. These benefits will be discussed at the Green Sports Alliance Summit in June, where BCL will participate on a conference panel. Read about it here.

"Most brewers I know are concerned about climate change,’ says Cleveland brewmaster Andy Tveekrem, "but getting them to land on one key solution is the challenge."

Tveekrem was the featured guest at a CCL/BCL-sponsored webinar on April 23 that put a spotlight on how climate change affects brewers and their suppliers -- and what can be done about it.

He suggested visiting your local tap room and striking up a conversation with the owner. “You need to bring up climate and talk to brewers about it,” he said. "Brewers are very interactive with the public. The more they hear (about climate change advocacy) bubbling-up from the ground level, the more they will be inclined to do something about it.”

Our discussion with Tveekrem is summarized on our website in a blog and video.

You can join our BrewTeam by emailing brewteam@citizensclimate.org and promote the Brewers Climate Declaration.

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