July 27, 2020

The Honorable Gil Cisneros
United States House of Representatives
431 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Cisneros,

On behalf of the City of Brea, I am writing to thank you for your support for H.R. 763, the “Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act,” and urge you to fight for it to receive a vote on the House floor.

In order to safeguard our children’s future, our world needs to significantly drive down carbon pollution, and doing so will not be easy. However, what better opportunity to showcase and apply American ingenuity and innovation when the stakes could not be higher. We believe that the “Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act” can help us do both.

The bill would institute a carbon fee on fossil fuels like coal, oil, and gas – starting small, and growing over time. The money collected from the carbon fee would be allocated in equal shares every month to the American people, to spend as they see fit. Imported goods would also pay a border carbon adjustment, and all exported goods would receive a refund.

The bill estimates these efforts would reduce America’s carbon emissions by 40% in the first 12 years, which would dramatically move the United States forward in our national climate goals. It would also improve health outcomes for people, create many new jobs, and spark huge growth in local communities.

My City Council colleagues and I strongly believe that we need a bipartisan solution to our climate issues, which takes into account both the long-term needs of our planet as well as the short-term needs of our people. With bipartisan co-sponsorship, we believe this is that bill.
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As Congress and the federal government consider this and similar legislative changes, we urge your active involvement to support responsible and innovative climate policies. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter, and for your continued support and hard work on behalf of the City of Brea.

Sincerely,

Marty Simonoff  
Mayor, City of Brea

CC: Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Kamala Harris