



Proclamation

HR 2307 – Carbon Dividend Bill

WHEREAS, Climate change is real, man-made, and will continue to have an impact on our lives for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, more frequent and intense extreme weather and climate-related events, as well as changes in average climate conditions, are expected to continue to damage infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that provide essential benefits to our community; and

WHEREAS, presently, the environmental, health, and social costs of carbon emissions are not included in prices paid for fossil fuels, but rather these externalized costs are borne directly and indirectly by all Americans and global citizens; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2307, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021, is a bill intended to encourage market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies through a carbon fee on producers and importers; and

WHEREAS, the bill would also distribute the net proceeds to eligible U.S. residents on a per-capita basis as a monthly carbon dividend, resulting in a revenue neutral system and is projected to create 2.1 million new jobs; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 2307 places the financial burden upon those who contribute the most emissions, and wealthier households on average have much higher carbon footprints, inherently relieving the most economically vulnerable households from bearing the burden for decarbonizing the economy; and

WHEREAS, Roeland Park has taken several steps to promote good policies and practices that reduce our collective carbon emissions levels and save taxpayer dollars; and

WHEREAS, The Roeland Park Sustainability Committee has requested that the Governing Body show its support of HR2307.

NOW THEREFORE I, Mayor Mike Kelly, on behalf of the Roeland Park City Council, hereby proclaim the City Council's support for H.R.2037 as voted at the City Council meeting on September 7, 2021.

H.R. 2307 – The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021

And encourage our Federal representatives to likewise support this legislation.

ADOPTED this 7th day of September, 2021 and **SIGNED** by the Mayor.



MIKE KELLY
Mayor