



736 F Street
Arcata, CA 95521

City Manager (707) 822-5953	Police 822-2428	Recreation 822-7091
Community Development 822-5955	Finance 822-5951	Transportation 822-3775
Environmental Services Streets/Utilities 822-5957	Environmental Services Community Services 822-8184	Engineering & Building 825-2128

July 24, 2019

The Honorable Theodore E. Deutch
2447 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515
VIA FAX: (202) 225-5974

RE: SUPPORT for H.R. 763, The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

Dear Congressman Deutch,

The City Council of the City of Arcata supports H.R. 763, The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. As temperatures near 100 degrees throughout the Nation and California has seen some of the worst and most disastrous fires in the State's history, we are again reminded of how the dire consequences of climate change affect our nation and region.

Our policies to arrest climate change are inadequate, and stronger actions are necessary to assure our grandchildren's future. Many believe that policies strong enough to arrest climate change will need to include a market-based mechanism based on prices. Putting a price on carbon to encourage innovation in cleaner and safer energy sources, as H.R. 763 does, is a great example of forward thinking policy. We have seen the success of such policies through the rising price of fossil fuels based on the carbon dioxide emissions implemented in British Columbia.

The City of Arcata has an aggressive plan to eliminate the carbon footprint in our community. As a City we already generate a substantial portion of our electricity through solar and purchase 100% renewable electricity for the remainder. We are launching an all-electric initiative this year to eliminate natural gas from City facilities and work to eliminate natural gas in new construction and ultimately City-wide. We continue to support electric vehicle infrastructure, City fleet conversion and support a robust conservation marketing plan through our joint powers membership in Redwood Coast Energy Authority.

We are excited to see that 122 jurisdictions nationwide have already endorsed the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, including 28 California jurisdictions. California passed a resolution supporting the concepts of H.R. 763 in 2016 (resolution # AJR43) authored by Humboldt's local Senator Mike McGuire and Assembly Member Jim Wood. We would like for the City of Arcata to be added to your list of supporters for this important legislation.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (707) 822-5953.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Watson", written in a cursive style.

Brett Watson, Mayor
City of Arcata

cc:

Senator Dianne Feinstein, VIA FAX: (202) 228-3954

Senator Kamala Harris, VIA FAX: (202) 224-2200

Senator Mike McGuire, Senator.McGuire@senate.ca.gov & VIA FAX: (916) 651-4902

Congressman Jared Huffman, John.Driscoll@mail.house.gov

Assembly Member Jim Wood, VIA FAX: (707) 445-6607 & (916) 319-2102

Sara Sanders, League Regional Public Affairs Manager, sanders@cacities.org

Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, cityletters@cacities.org