

**Resolve, that Town of Casco encourages the U.S. Congress  
to initiate a revenue-neutral fee on Carbon Fuels.**

**WHEREAS**, Maine recognizes that the health of our citizens is dependent on the high quality of our air, water, and natural resources and that the health of much of the state's economy, including agriculture, forestry, fishing, and tourism all rely on a stable climate; and

**WHEREAS**, the consensus of climate scientists worldwide is that Earth's climate is changing rapidly and that changes are associated with increased concentrations of pollutant emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses, derived principally from the burning of fossil carbon fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas); and

**WHEREAS**, a steadily rising price on fossil carbon fuels is widely accepted by economists as being the most expeditious, cost-effective means to achieve the U.S.'s stated emissions-reduction goals; and

**WHEREAS**, said economists agree a revenue-neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend system (including a pollution fee levied at the wellhead, coal mine or port of entry, with all revenues returned equally to citizens and legal residents as a dividend) would leverage market forces encouraging investments in energy efficiency and alternative energy sources by both industry and consumers; and

**WHEREAS**, this plan, also known colloquially as "**Cashback Carbon Pricing**," could **a)** reduce US CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions to 10% of 1990 levels by 2050, **b)** be fair to all segments of our population, and **c)** encourage similar actions by other nations.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Town of Casco supports the enactment of a **national revenue-neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend system**, that includes **a)** a steadily rising pollution fee levied on fuel producers as far upstream in the economy as possible, **b)** all net revenues returned equally to citizens and legal residents as a dividend, and **c)** carbon-content-based tariffs for imports from, and rebates for exports to, nations that have not taken similar actions.

The record of the vote approving this article will be conveyed to the Town's State Legislators, to the Governor of Maine, to the District's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of this Resolution approved by the Town of Casco within 30 days of this vote.