

SEAL Meeting
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- #Up4Climate
- Global Warming from 1884 until 2011
 - Definite increase in temperature in arctic and over the globe
 - Every National Academy of Science of every major country in the world confirms the signs of global warming
 - Those who are rejecting the science: 0
- Hotter, drier in dry places and wetter in wet places
- All weather patterns are becoming stronger because of climate change
- What can we do?!
 - Speak up! #reality
 - www.realitydrop.com
 - Join organizations like The Climate Reality Project and Citizens Climate Lobby
 - Make consumer choices and keep environment in mind
 - Don't Give Up!
- Carbon Tax?
 - A tax/fee is placed on carbon-based fuels at the source (well, mine, port of entry)
 - This tax/ fee starts at \$15 per ton of fossil CO2 emitted, and increases steadily each year by \$10 so that clean energy is cheaper than fossil fuels within a decade
 - All of the money collected is returned to American households on an equitable basis
 - Under this plan 66% of all households would break even or receive more in their dividend check than they would pay for the increased cost of energy, thereby protecting the poor and middle class
 - A predictably increasing carbon price will send a clear market signal which will unleash entrepreneurs and investors in the new clean-energy economy
- Actions about Carbon Tax
 - Letter to Congress members
 - Contact editorial board of newspaper company
 - Generate support from other areas
 - Use social media to influence and activate your networks
 - Educate your peers
 - Find ways to influence those outside your networks.