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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 patters are becoming stronger because of climate change

*What can we do?!
  - Speak up! #reality
  - [www.realitydrop.com](http://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.