

Climate Change Legislation Update

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News

- ▶ Draft legislation for the \$3.5T infrastructure bill has not been released.
 - ▶ Sept 15 “deadline” has slipped
 - ▶ Schumer says a Senate vote by the end of Sept. is not possible
 - ▶ News indicates lots of haggling over the scope of the bill
- ▶ Lots of news about carbon pricing in Washington Examiner, WP, and WSJ
- ▶ House may vote on the reconciliation bill next week, and it will likely not have carbon pricing. CCL says this is not a worry – the Senate bill will be the most important because it has to drive successful legislation. We may see some discouraging news now and then but don’t be disheartened.
- ▶ World Resources Institute has come out in favor of Carbon pricing, citing data that *“(a carbon price) would make meeting the 50-52% emissions-reduction target much more likely”*

What do we do?

- ▶ Keep up the pressure - it has been effective.
 - ▶ On both President Biden and the Senate
 - ▶ <https://citizensclimatelobby.org/white-house>
 - ▶ Senator Sinema is an especially important target as she has outsized influence in the Senate and media
- ▶ Messages:
 - ▶ Climate change is urgent
 - ▶ Fossil fuels are the problem
 - ▶ We need their leadership to transition to a clean-energy economy
 - ▶ Solving climate change is the most important legacy they can leave
- ▶ When there are new developments, we will let you know next moves

We are in a long game –

- ▶ Great social changes often occur suddenly, but not without long, hard-fought campaigns by committed citizens



Your Power is Your Voice and Your Vote

- ▶ Fossil fuel companies are spending millions to slow things down, BUT
- ▶ In the end, Congress knows that it comes down to votes
- ▶ Let them know your priorities and don't stop letting them know
- ▶ Encourage friends, family and coworkers to write.
- ▶ Keep contact to once a month, however



Suggested Letter

The summer of 2021 was terrifying for many Americans. Climate change-driven drought, flooding, wildfires, and intense heat have taken a toll on us - personally and financially.

We need leaders in Washington to begin a prompt transition from the biggest source of greenhouse gases – fossil fuels.

The most important legacy you can create would be as a leader in this fight for a safe future.

I'm urging you to include carbon pricing with dividends to Americans in the reconciliation package. It's the most effective, fair, and effective way to put a halt to climate change.

References

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