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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - The climate resolution

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Good evening and thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on the importance and urgency of climate action at the local level. My name is Dr. Brittany Keyes, physical therapist from Beloit, Wisconsin, and I am speaking in favor of the resolution endorsing federal carbon fee and dividend legislation.

Throughout my lifetime, despite a continued call to action from the scientific community, society at large has continued to not only ignore the warnings, but also actively and repeatedly layer on the environmental assaults. There are consequences to these actions. We are currently living and breathing the acceleration of our current climate crisis and reality.

As a board member of Wisconsin Health Professionals for Climate Action, I must highlight the negative health consequences of our unsustainable dependence on fossil fuels as well as the exciting potential for health and economic gains associated with immediate climate action.

Burning fossil fuels pollutes the air we breathe, causing heart attacks, asthma, cancer, stillbirths and premature births, killing tens of thousands of Americans each year. In Wisconsin alone, a switch to 100% clean energy is estimated to save 1,900 lives and \$21.1 billion each year. Transitioning to a clean energy economy will make us healthier and save money immediately.

I appreciate that leading during this time is extremely challenging. We are living in a trifecta of public health crises: COVID 19, racism, and climate change. Each of these intersect, resulting in negative health outcomes and impacting already marginalized communities the greatest.

COVID 19 has shown us that science gives us windows of opportunity to act before problems get out of hand and that missed windows of opportunity cost lives. If we fail to use our shrinking window of opportunity to slow climate change, Wisconsinites will see multiplying health threats of worsened air pollution, new and more serious infectious diseases, illnesses from flooding, and more.

The passing of this resolution is critical in sending a message to our state and federal leaders that our local elected officials believe that we all need to put partisan politics aside, appreciate the urgency of climate change, and that the future and current health of our communities must be our constant priority.

Thank you again for your time, attention, and consideration.

Full Name - Dr. Brittany Keyes

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - I am asking for your support for the Climate Resolution under consideration.

While climate change is best addressed at the national level, resolutions like this one communicate to our national leadership that climate legislation is necessary and has local support.

This resolution supports a national fee on carbon use, and it includes a trust fund that ensures that the proceeds are returned to everyone, adults and kids. A nearly 100% rebate is necessary to keep the fee from being a burden, and it helps ensure popular support.

This policy has been recommended by many expert economists including 27 Nobel Prize economists, 15 former chairs of the Council of Economic Advisors, and all 4 living former Chairs of the Federal Reserve. They believe this is the cheapest way to reduce carbon dioxide emissions in the long run. The rebate is key, because we know from other countries that a near 100% rebate is essential to keeping public support.

Now let's turn our attention to the warming climate in Southern Wisconsin. 30 years from now, the average temperature will be 6-7 degrees above the historical baseline according to the DNR/UW-Madison. Additional summer heat will reduce corn & soybean yields by as much as 40-50 percent. Brook Trout, which need cool water, are predicted to decline by 95%. Conversely, White-Tailed deer, European Starlings and Canada Geese will surge in number, become local nuisances, and take over habitat from other animals.

This means: if nothing is done, there will be serious damage to the economy and to wildlife if nothing is done.

For these reasons, please pass this resolution to communicate to policy makers how important climate change is to Rock County.

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Alfred and I wish to state that we are against the move to institute a carbon tax in Rock Co. We have not seen any discussion of this in the paper nor have we heard anything on WCLO but at this time we are definitely NOT in favor of it Karen and Alfred Bernard.

Full Name - Alfred and Karen Bernard

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - My name is Barbara Fett and I live at 548 Bostwick Ave., Janesville. I want to address climate change. The Covid-19 pandemic notwithstanding I think climate change may be the one thing we humans might have a chance to beat, but the clock is ticking and if scientists are accurate we have very little time left. Human activities have polluted our air and water. The earth is heating up and is now warmer than it has been for thousands of years. Animal species are going extinct and crops are failing. By the year 2050 suitable croplands for 4 top commodities – corn, potatoes, rice and wheat – will shift, in some cases pushing farmers to plant new crops. I imaging that doing nothing could eventually mean the end of human life on our planet. There will be life but just not human life!

I joined the local branch of the Citizen's Climate Change Lobby and we are advocating federal carbon fee and dividend legislation but congress is unable to move forward as politicians are controlled by their donors' priorities which is usually to make profit at any cost. The work of saving our planet has been left in the hands of local governing bodies. I believe if all the cities, towns and villages of America join together in support of this critical legislation there can be a successful moment toward climate change solutions. Somehow we need to prod congress to take action.

Nobody says this will be easy. It will not. There will be sacrifices and it will be hard. We have no choice. We must save the world before it's too late. We can unite with the world. We can do this. For many of us it's also a sacred duty.

The resolution before you on Thursday adds Janesville to a long list of communities that are urging the US Congress to pass effective legislation to address climate change without delay. Please pass this.

Full Name - Barbara Fett

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - I'd like to voice my support for adopting a common sense action plan at the county level to take immediate action in the fight to reverse climate change. We can make a difference and we must.

As local farmers, my husband and I have already seen the negative effects of global climate change taking effect. Last spring all of our cherry trees died in full bloom because of the late frost and ice storm caused by the wildly erratic weather swings of climate change and this is just the beginning. I would like to mention also the flooding seen across the state in the last 2 years. The changes are happening now and are nothing compared to what is coming. Please do what you can.

Full Name - Jenny Hoople

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Thank you for taking my comments. I am writing to urge that you support the Climate Resolution for Carbon Free and Dividend Legislation. As a mother of three, it is critically important to me that our local government takes the climate crisis seriously. The abounding health and environmental issues are going to be more devastating and costly the longer we wait to address them. Taking action now is not only an investment in future financial savings, but it's an investment in public health, agriculture, and our children's well-being. I am a firm believer that we can make positive changes community by community. It would make me proud to see Rock County be a leader guiding other counties and municipalities into action. Thank you for taking the time to consider my thoughts and I look forward to seeing the proactive and responsible action that you take. Sincerely, Megan.

Full Name - Megan Miller

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Full Name - Mary Seaberg

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Good evening! I would like to strongly urge the Rock County Board to vote YES on the climate resolution, which supports the federal carbon fee and dividend legislation. By passing the climate resolution, Rock County will join those that strive to make the world better for generations to come and to encourage the use of cleaner energy sources. Please vote YES!

Full Name - Erin Davis

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Good evening!

As I write this we are currently in the midst of the hottest week to date in WI in 2020. This makes the timing of the climate resolution vote that much more appropriate.

I strongly encourage you to vote yes to the climate resolution at tomorrow night's Rock County Board meeting. By supporting the climate resolution you will be supporting a federal carbon fee and dividend legislation that could have the power to change the future trajectory of the planet for good - for yourselves and those you were elected to serve, for the children in our community and for generations to come.

The proposed resolution endorses legislation that is supported by scientists and economists alike. This issue is urgent and we need to act now - by reaching carbon zero by 2050 we have the opportunity to safeguard the planet for those that come after us.

Thank you, and please vote YES!

Erin Davis
Rock County Resident

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Please enter the agenda topic you wish to speak on or provide your written comments here : - Carbon Fee and Dividend Legislation.

I feel that as a community we need to take our first steps in solving the crisis presented by climate change. A good first step then may be to endorse the carbon fee and dividend legislation contained in House Bill 763. The goal of the legislation is to point us away from carbon fuels and encourage alternative energy sources. While any legislation is easy to dismiss, we cannot ignore the crisis and this bill gets the conversation started. It will cause us to look at the local issues and will hopefully give us ideas that can be fleshed into positive actions. Setting this discussion aside would be easy but a lack of progress toward a climate solution wastes critical time. Approving this legislative support will get the ball rolling. Thanks for the opportunity to present my thoughts to the Board.

Gene Bier

Full Name - Eugene G. Bier

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James Foss
1817 W State St, Apt 2, Janesville, WI 53546

I write in support of item 12C on the agenda entitled "In Support of Effective Federal Carbon Fee & Dividend Legislation to Mitigate the Climate Crisis".

Officials around the world have told us that we only have a few years left to reverse the damage being done to the planet before its effects are irreversible. As a 28-year-old, my generation and all the generations after me are the ones who will have to pay the price to our foolishness and reckless ways of living on this earth. Some of them may have to pay with their lives due to drought, heat, flooding, or unusually strong natural disasters like hurricanes. We need to be doing everything we can to slow this process down, even if we can't stop it completely. Our children deserve better. Vote yes on this item. Our planet and our children are counting on you.

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James Nicholas Foss
4th Vice Chair of the 1st Congressional District Democrats
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Good afternoon,

Yes, another bold, kind, and insightful e-mail from one of your favorite Rock County citizens. As a CITIZEN of this county, I absolutely DO NOT support closing or further restricting bars, restaurants, etc. As of lately, the government seems to do whatever it personally wants to do because it seems that you forget that you work for us. We, the citizens, do not work for you.

More testing = more cases. Death rate is still dropping. And our hospitals aren't at risk of being overwhelmed. Prove me wrong.

So, the only thing I can think of as a reason to close things down again, is to infringe on our rights and inflict as much financial disaster upon the people you're supposed to be serving. All because we have an election coming up and you want people to vote democrat.

And, in the event you close down restaurants, you god damn well better immediately close down any BLM protests that pop up throughout the county. If they have a right to assemble to block roadways and preach their marxist views in front of the courthouse, then I have a right to assemble at a restaurant, bar, or strip club.

Regardless, I am 100% against closures of any business. This isn't NORTH KOREA or Nazi Germany. Businesses should be allowed to make their own decisions regarding staying open, and likewise, citizens in a free country should be allowed to decide whether they want to patronize a business that chooses to stay open.

Sincerely,

Aaron Dabson
Janesville, WI