



Massachusetts Interfaith Call for Carbon Pricing

As clergy and religious leaders in Massachusetts, we urgently call upon our elected representatives to enact legislation placing a price on carbon that reflects its costs to the climate, public health, and the economy.

While we come from diverse religious traditions, we share the conviction of Pope Francis that we bear a moral and spiritual responsibility to respond boldly to the climate crisis. Climate change threatens not only future generations, but also the most vulnerable of our neighbors today.

As Pope Francis has affirmed, “There is an urgent need to develop policies so that, in the next few years, the emission of carbon dioxide and other highly polluting gases can be drastically reduced.” These policies, Francis insists, must assure that “the economic and social costs of using up shared environmental resources are recognized with transparency and fully borne by those who incur them, not by other peoples or future generations.”

Pricing carbon is a fair and effective way to strengthen our economy, encourage use of clean and renewable energy, and protect our children and neighbors from the worst ravages of climate change. A carbon fee sends accurate price signals to the market, and rebating the revenues on an equal per-person basis progressively benefits low-income residents. (For more information, see <http://climate-change.org/carbon-pricing-basics/>.)

May we leave a legacy for which our children and grandchildren will bless us.

Please use your vote, voice, and influence to put a price on carbon.

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