

Notes on concurrent workshop: Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL): Activating Ordinary Citizens for Climate Solutions

Presenter: John Sabin, group leader of the Oberlin, Ohio chapter of CCL

Sabin opened by pointing out that the CCL and the LWV are natural allies, in that both are non-partisan, nonprofit, environmentally concerned, and have a solution focus. Voting is not enough. After presenting the linkage between increasing anthropogenic CO2 levels and increasing global temperature, Sabin noted that if nothing is done the earth's temperature will rise by 4.5 degrees Celsius by the end of this century. He pointed out that we know how to solve the problem, i.e., make Carbon more expensive.

CCL proposes: 1, A Carbon fee of \$10/ton at the source; 2, Return of all fees to each household in equal shares; 3, A border adjustment on imported goods based on carbon content.

The projected effects of the Carbon fee would be: a 31% decline in CO2 generation in 10 years; creation of 2.1 million jobs in 10 years; the addition of 70-85 billion dollars to the GDP; reduced deaths due to a cleaner environment; and an estimated dividend to each household of \$288/month.

CCL currently has 403 chapters around the world, is non profit, with a solution focus built on respect, appreciation, and gratitude. CCL has formed a bipartisan caucus in the U.S. Congress and introduced a bill to form a commission to study climate change.

In response to some of many questions from the audience, Sabin pointed out that details of how the plan would be implemented would need to be worked out in any resulting legislation. However, he stuck by the 3 components listed above.

The CCL website is <http://citizensclimatelobby.org>