



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 132

RESOLUTION

R-2017

Introduced by the Administration and City Council on June 21, 2017

Supports a Carbon Fee and Dividend Policy

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, The City Council of Allentown is committed to fighting climate change and is committed to protecting Allentown residents from the effects of climate change and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Climate change poses a serious threat to the City of Allentown in terms of the economy, public health, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, As a result of climate change, the Northeast is experiencing warming temperatures and a large increase in the amount of rainfall measured during heavy precipitation events; and

WHEREAS, More frequent heat waves in the Northeast are expected to increasingly threaten human health through more heat street and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Sea levels rise and more frequent heavy rains are expected to increase flooding and storm surge, threatening infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, As temperatures rise, agriculture will likely face reduced yields, potentially damaging livelihoods and the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Congress has the responsibility to act swiftly and meaningfully on the issue of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Legislation addressing climate change should not economically burden Allentown or Allentown residents; and

WHEREAS, Carbon Fee and Dividend as put forth by the Citizens' Climate Lobby greatly helps fight climate change, protects Allentown residents from the effects of climate change, and is a net economic boost to Allentown and Allentown residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN calls on the United States Congress to address climate change and explore a Carbon Fee and Dividend as a sound, effective policy.