

## Welcome to the Call

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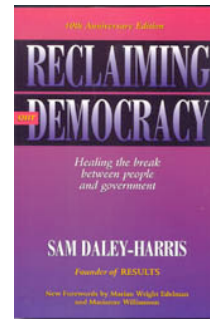
Group Meetings from 9:45 AM – 12:15 PM **Pacific**  
Call from 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM **Pacific** (1:00 PM EST)

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Our Speaker is Sam Daley-Harris. Sam is the Founder of RESULTS (the organization that Citizens Climate Lobby is modeled after) and RESULTS Educational Fund as well as Founder and Director of the Educational Fund's largest project, the Microcredit Summit.

He is author of the book "Reclaiming our Democracy."



*"Sam has been my inspiration, mentor, and guide ever since we met in the Summer of 1994,"* Marshall Saunders.

### ACTIONS:

- 1) Brainstorm how you could invite your friends, family co-workers and neighbors to come to the March/April "Show of Support" at your Congressional offices. Commit to which of those actions you'll take. Talking points are provided on page 2 to help you with inviting.
- 2) Designate one person from your Group to submit the Op/Ed "A Climate Bill the People can Support" to your local newspaper.
- 3) Call and write your two Senators requesting that they oppose the Murkowski Amendment of H.R. 2996. This amendment strips the authority of the EPA to regulate The Clean Air Act. The contact information for your Senators is on page 4-5.
- 4) Practice the "Fee and Dividend" Laser Talk on page 3 for your upcoming Congressional meetings.

## **Inviting friends to CCL's "Show of Support" at Congressional Offices**

### **Talking points (use some, but not all)**

- Legislation to reduce greenhouse gases and create jobs in a clean-energy economy has stalled in the U.S. Congress.
- People need to speak up and let their members of Congress know that we support legislation that will effectively address the threat of climate change.
- We want to get as many people as possible to turn out for a meeting with our member of Congress, to show them that there is a great deal of public support for them to take action.
- We'll invite the media to come out and see that there is support in the community for sensible and effective legislation to deal with climate change.
- Congress has come up with proposals that are ineffective and economically unsound, like cap and trade.
- We will bring our own legislation to our member of Congress, a proposal that places a fee on carbon and returns the revenue to all households.
- By placing a fee on carbon, we will level the playing field for clean energy, create new jobs, lower our dependency on foreign oil, clean up our air and reduce greenhouse gases.
- The more people we get to turn out for this meeting, the more emboldened our member of Congress will be to take this proposal forward.
- As Winston Churchill once said, "Sometimes doing your best is not good enough. Sometimes, you must do what is required." When it comes to the Earth's climate, we need to do what is required.
- Can I count on you to come to this important meeting?

## Laser Talk

### Fee and dividend = jobs and energy independence

Leaders in Congress are saying it is unlikely that a climate bill will be passed this year. They say with unemployment high and the economy shaky, now is not the time to put a price on carbon that will increase energy costs.

On the contrary, this is the perfect time to pass legislation that puts a price on carbon, provided we take the right approach.

If we're looking to create new jobs for Americans, clean energy technology holds great potential. We can realize that potential by making clean energy less expensive than fossil fuels. The way to do that is with a gradually increasing fee on carbon.

If we take the revenue from the carbon fee and distribute it equally to all Americans, we shield households from the impact of higher energy costs from the carbon fee. We call this the carbon fee and dividend. In fact, most families would receive more dividend than they would pay in increased energy costs.

As we transition to clean energy made in America, we'll rely less and less on foreign oil. The less imported oil, the more our money stays here, helping to create American jobs.

The best benefit of transitioning to clean energy, of course, is that it will lower the level of carbon dioxide that threatens climate stability.

So, the time is right to pass a carbon fee and dividend bill. It will create new jobs, stimulate our economy, give us energy independence, and head off climate change.

As President Obama said in the "State of the Union" address, "The nation that leads in clean energy will be the nation that leads the global economy."

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