**CCL-Marietta Report -August 2021**

Senate Campaign.

The CCL Senate Campaign was by all accounts a success-nationally, regionally (Great Lakes), and statewide (Ohio). Ending on August10, the CCL Campaign to urge people to contact their U.S. senators to ask them to include carbon pricing in the Budget Reconciliation Bill recently brought up by senate Democrats resulted in 20,142 individual people making over 50,000 contacts to U.S. senate offices. The direct link (cclusa.org/senate) provided an easy way to e-mail the senator’s office; there was a suggested message to a Democratic senator and another to a Republican senator; the individual then would call on his/her own, enter “done”, and the call and email would be automatically tracked. CCL members n Ohio exceeded their goal of 350 by making calls from 646 individuals; there were 114 in West Virginia. Ohio was 11th in the CCL state chapters in its productivity; Great Lakes was first among all regions. I asked people from the CCL-Marietta chapter to report to me when and if they made calls. I also had an article published in the *Parkersburg News & Sentinel* about the Senate Campaign in the Climate Corner series on July 31. I calculated at least 10 in the Mid-Ohio Valley who made calls/emails to senators from OH and WV. Several Senate offices reported significant increases in calls on this issue—far above their usual traffic. The ultimate criterion of its success, however, will be if carbon pricing appears in the Reconciliation Bill and if the Bill passes.

House Campaign.

A similar campaign was launched by CCL to urge U.S. House members to support carbon pricing in the Reconciliation Bill. There will also be a similar link for easy access (cclusa.org/house), where an individual can send an email (using the suggested wording for a House member of either party) and then make and record a phone call. The House Campaign runs from August 10 to August 31. There will also be a phone banking opportunity so that volunteers can contact people in other congressional districts and urge them to contact House members. For information about phone banking contact Tony Sirna at CCL:

[*tony@citizensclimate.org*](mailto:tony@citizensclimate.org?subject=Phone%20Banking%20Question) .

The Budget Reconciliation Bill does not yet have carbon pricing in it, but Democrats will include it if they hear from their constituents that it’s important. There is a methane fee and border carbon tariff in the Reconciliation Bill currently.

The CCL link to contact a House member is: cclusa.org/house.

During the national CCL group leader meeting on August 10 I posed the following question to CCL leadership:

“Our congressional House member (Bill Johnson) has said that HR 2307 (Carbon Fee & Dividend Bill) is ‘a bridge too far.’ His weekly newsletter is filled with vituperation and vicious antagonism to every feature of Biden’s agenda. Advice on approaching him about carbon pricing?”

The response I got was “persist, persist, persist” and to make the point that the carbon border adjustment will allow us to be competitive in European markets for energy commodities.

I’ll be sending a separate message to CCL members, Green Sanctuary Committee members, Mid-Ohio Valley Climate Action, and others about the House Campaign

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