**CCL Report for Green Sanctuary Committee (December 19, 201)**

The Build Back Better Bill, with its significant climate-change provisions, has been delayed again. Apparently, Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV) is the reason—he’s still resisting key items in the bill. The White House, in response to many of his supporters who were important in electing him, has put an immediate priority on the voting rights legislation.

There still is an important feature of the climate provisions in the BBB that we need to lobby for. The House version of the BBB simply contained a carbon fee—with most revenue going to citizens. We are hoping that the Senate version has an exemption (which the House version does not) for gasoline sales. This involves a fulfillment of Biden’s pledg3e not to raise taxes on those earning less than $400K/year. Furthermore, in the context of current inflation, it would be devastating politically to impose a carbon tax that would raise gasoline prices. It is important to lobby Democratic senators like Sherrod Brown in order to ensure that this exemption appears in the Senate version of the BBB—whenever it finally comes up for a vote.

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