

October 15, 2019

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta  
212 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

**Re: H.R. 4051, Climate Action Rebate Act – SUPPORT**

Dear Congressman Panetta:

I am writing today on behalf of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to express our support for the Climate Action Rebate Act (H.R. 4051). We appreciate your leadership in addressing the issue of climate change.

As you know, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution last year urging Congress to enact a revenue-neutral tax on carbon-based fossil fuels, with the goal of reducing carbon dioxide emissions in the United States to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050. H.R. 4051 contains many of the same elements as our resolution, such as a phased-in carbon fee, border adjustments, and rebates to protect low- and middle-income Americans.

The County and its residents are already witnessing the effects of climate change, including ocean acidification and rising sea levels; more frequent, extreme, and damaging weather events such as heat waves, storms, heavy rainfall and flooding, and droughts; more frequent and intense wildfires; and disrupted ecosystems affecting biodiversity and food production. If this alarming trend continues unabated, the economic impact alone to County residents and businesses will be devastating.

The Climate Action Rebate Act would provide an important tool to fix the environmental impacts and market distortions caused by the use of fossil fuels. We are pleased to offer our support for this important legislation, and we thank you for your leadership on this important issue facing Monterey County and other communities across the nation.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips

Cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein  
Senator Kamala Harris