

South Bay Cities Council of Governments

December 14, 2020

TO: SBCCOG Steering Committee
 FROM: Jacki Bacharach, SBCCOG Executive Director
 RE: Bills to Monitor and for Action

Adherence to Strategic Plan:

Goal B: Regional Advocacy. Advocate for the interests of the South Bay

AB 2103:

We received a request to support the re-introduction of this bill from Urbanism Advisors - On behalf of the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC).

HR 763:

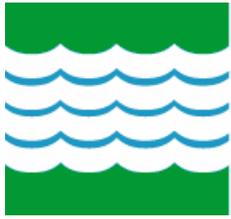
We received a request to send a letter to Representative Lieu asking that HR 763 be reintroduced in the new session of Congress from Citizens' Climate Lobby.

Draft letter attached.

<p>AB 2103 (O'Donnell) Formerly AB 1694</p>	<p>San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers & Mountains Conservancy: territory: Dominguez Channel watershed & Santa Catalina Island. Existing law establishes the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy in the Natural Resources Agency and prescribes the functions and duties of the conservancy. Existing law, for purposes of those provisions, defines "territory" to mean the territory of the conservancy that consists of those portions of the Counties of Los Angeles and Orange located within the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, as described. This bill would additionally include the Dominguez Channel watershed and Santa Catalina Island, as described, within that definition of territory, and would make various related changes to the boundaries of that territory.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (4/23/20) SUPPORTED AB 1694 (6/27/19) (Ltr to Sen Nat Res & Water Comm. 7/2/19) (Ltr sent 5/4/20)</p>	<p>3/16/20 Assembly Natural Resource Committee</p>
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<p>HR 763 (Deutsch)</p>	<p>Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act. Imposes a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. The fee is imposed on the producers or importers of the fuels and is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate. The rate begins at \$15 in 2019, increases by \$10 each year, and is subject to further adjustments based on the progress in meeting specified emissions reduction targets. Imposes a specified fee on fluorinated greenhouse gases.</p>	<p>SUPPORT (6/8/20) (Ltr to House Energy and Commerce 6/18/20)</p>	<p>1/25/19 House Ways & Means, Energy & Commerce, Foreign Affairs – referred to Subcommittee on Energy</p>
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December 4, 2020

The Honorable Ted Lieu
U.S. House of Representatives
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: H.R. 763 (Deutch): Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

Dear Representative Lieu:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG), thank you for co-sponsoring H.R. 763, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019. The SBCCOG believes H.R. 763 will drive down America's carbon pollution and encourage the development of clean energy technology and jobs. The SBCCOG urges you to reintroduce this legislation when the 117th United States Congress opens.

For many decades, we have enjoyed the benefits of burning fossil fuels without adequately understanding and preparing for the impacts. Even as the science has become clear, there is ongoing discussion on how to best address the climate crisis. H.R. 763 will have significant impacts on the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by placing a predictable and steadily-rising price on carbon and other GHG emissions. Studies show that this policy would reduce carbon emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years. The catastrophic impacts of climate change will not just affect our environment but will have enormous health and economic impacts as well. This is a cost-neutral effort to reduce the impact of human-caused pollution on climate change and will improve health while saving lives.

Additionally, H.R. 763 will spur tremendous economic growth. The legislation will create a carbon dividend that puts money directly into people's pockets every month to spend as they see fit. Not only will this payment help stimulate the economy, but as carbon becomes more expensive, green energy projects will become more competitive, thereby creating additional, good-paying clean energy jobs. As of 2019, over 500,000 Californians are employed in clean energy jobs, accounting for 1/7 of these jobs nationwide. When clean energy is incentivized at the national level as it has been in California, the entire nation will see growth in this well-paying sector. Imported goods will be assessed a border carbon adjustment to protect U.S. manufacturers and related jobs. Goods exported from the U.S. will receive a refund under the legislation.

On top of being good for Americans and the economy, this bill is supported on a bipartisan basis and is designed to be revenue neutral. Program costs are paid from the fees collected and the government does not keep any of the money from the carbon fee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN ACTION

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Manhattan Beach Palos Verdes Estates Rancho Palos Verdes Redondo Beach Rolling Hills
Rolling Hills Estates Torrance Los Angeles District #15 Los Angeles County

For all these reasons, the SBCCOG continues to support H.R. 763 and urges you to work with the author to reintroduce the bill in the 117th Congress. Should you have any questions, please contact SBCCOG Executive Director, Jacki Bacharach, at (310) 371-7222.

With gratitude,

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Councilmember, City of Hawthorne

CC: House Representatives: Maxine Waters, Nanette Barragan and Ted Deutch
California Senator Diane Feinstein
Jeff Kiernan, League of California Cities Regional Public Affairs Manager