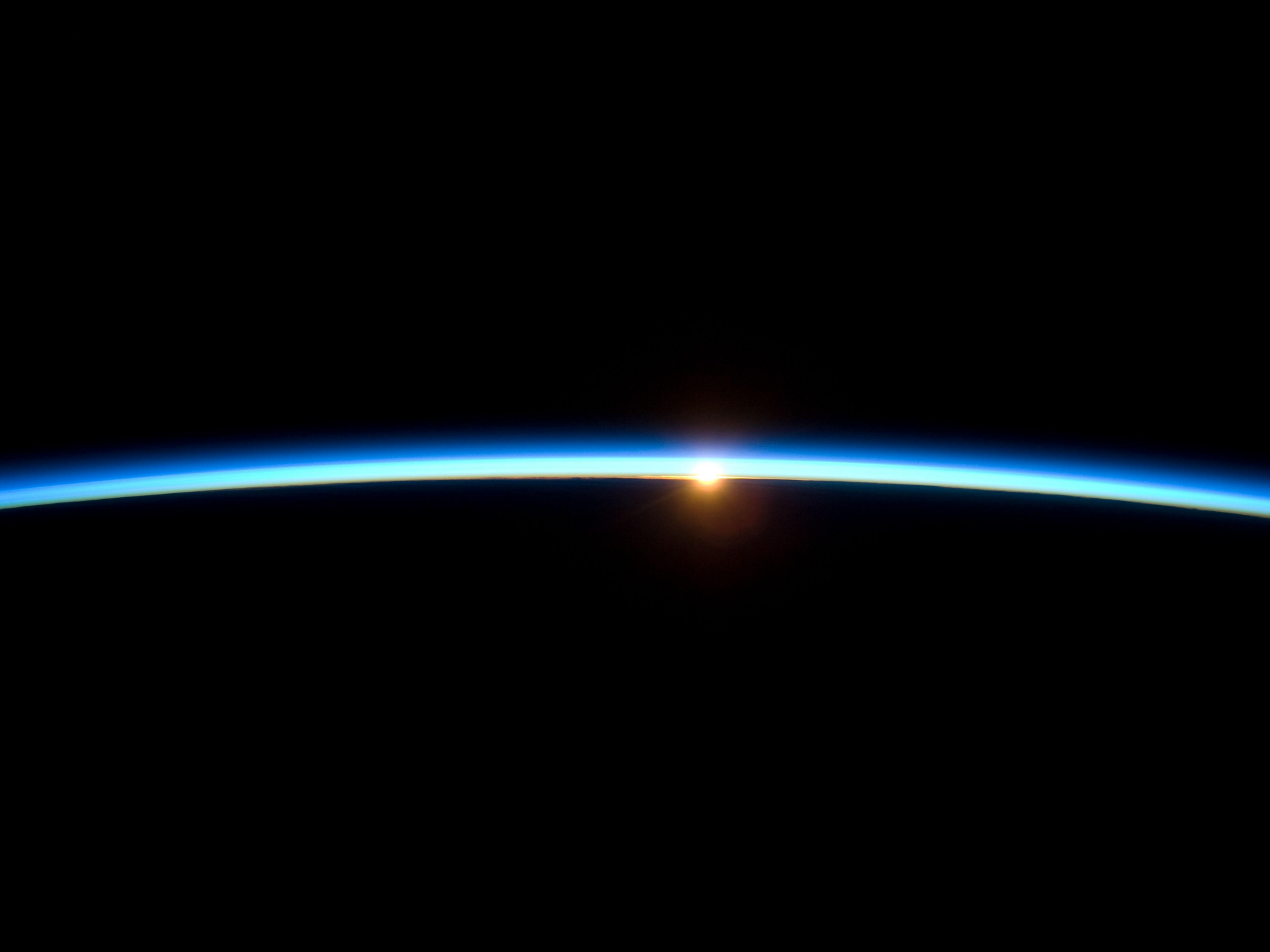


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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Citizens' Climate Lobby. At the top is a navigation bar with the logo and links for 'About', 'Our Climate Solution', 'Blog', 'Take Action', 'Donate', and a green 'Join CCL' button. The main banner features a blue background with the text 'Our solution to climate change? Democracy. And we need you on our team.' and a 'Join Us' button. To the right is a photo of three people walking. Below the banner are three smaller sections: a green box with a '40%' donut chart and text about carbon emissions, a photo of people talking with the text 'Republicans & Democrats working together.', and a photo of people in front of the US Capitol with the text 'Register Now! 2019 Conference & Media Event'.

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A healthy, stable, and prosperous America

The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act ([H.R. 763](#)) will drive down America's carbon pollution and bring climate change under control, while unleashing American technology innovation and ingenuity. This policy was also introduced in the Senate in 2018 as [S. 3791](#).

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The New York Times

New U.N. Climate Report Says Put a High Price on Carbon



By Brad Plumer

Oct. 8, 2018



WASHINGTON — In its [landmark report](#) on the fast-approaching dangers of climate change, a United Nations scientific panel said on Sunday that putting a price on carbon dioxide emissions would be central for getting global warming under control.



EYES ON THE PRIZE

Carbon tax debate: Nobels and IPCC vs. Trump and Doug Ford

By Kate Yoder on Oct 9, 2018

Apologies, future generations: The world has been totally [slacking on carbon taxes](#). And the Nobel prize committee may be trying to give us a hint.

ECONOMISTS' STATEMENT ON CARBON DIVIDENDS

The Largest Public Statement of Economists in History

3554 U.S. Economists

4 Former Chairs of the Federal Reserve (All)

27 Nobel Laureate Economists

15 Former Chairs of the Council of Economic Advisers

2 Former Secretaries of the U.S. Department of Treasury

THE FOUR PILLARS OF A CARBON DIVIDENDS PLAN

1. A GRADUALLY INCREASING CARBON TAX

The first pillar of a carbon dividends plan is a gradually increasing tax on carbon dioxide emissions, to be implemented at the refinery or the first point where fossil fuels enter the economy, meaning the mine, well or port. Economists are nearly unanimous in their belief that a carbon tax is the most efficient and effective way to reduce carbon emissions. A sensible carbon tax might begin at \$40 a ton and increase steadily over time, sending a powerful signal to businesses and consumers, while generating revenue to reward Americans for decreasing their collective carbon footprint.

2. CARBON DIVIDENDS FOR ALL AMERICANS

All the proceeds from this carbon tax would be returned to the American people on an equal and monthly basis via dividend checks, direct deposits or contributions to their individual retirement accounts. In the example above, a family of four would receive approximately \$2,000 in carbon dividend payments in the first year. This amount would grow over time as the carbon tax rate increases, creating a positive feedback loop: the more the climate is protected, the greater the individual dividend payments.

3. BORDER CARBON ADJUSTMENTS

Border adjustments for the carbon content of both imports and exports would protect American competitiveness and punish free-riding by other nations, encouraging them to adopt carbon pricing of their own. Exports to countries without comparable carbon pricing systems would receive rebates for carbon taxes paid, while imports from such countries would face fees on the carbon content of their products. Proceeds from such fees would benefit the American people in the form of larger carbon dividends. Other trade remedies could also be used to encourage our trading partners to adopt comparable carbon pricing.

4. SIGNIFICANT REGULATORY SIMPLIFICATION

The final pillar is the elimination of regulations that are no longer necessary upon the enactment of a rising carbon tax whose longevity is secured by the popularity of dividends. Much of the EPA's regulatory authority over carbon dioxide emissions would be phased out, including an outright repeal of the Clean Power Plan. Robust carbon taxes would also make possible an end to federal and state tort liability for emitters. To build and sustain a bipartisan consensus for regulation,

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