

Resolution No. _____
City of Madison, State of Wisconsin

**Resolution urging the United States Congress to enact the
Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307)**

WHEREAS the City of Madison has established a sustainability plan that includes improving air quality, storm water management, reductions in transportation-related carbon impacts, obtaining 25% of electricity, heating, and transportation energy from clean energy sources by 2025, and helping businesses transition to the Green / Cleantech economy; and

WHEREAS the United States government released its Fourth Annual Climate Assessment in November 2018 reporting that the impacts of climate change are already being felt in communities across the country, and that more frequent and intense extreme weather and climate-related events, as well as changes in average climate conditions, are expected to continue to damage infrastructure, ecosystems, and social systems that provide essential benefits to communities; and

WHEREAS the United Nations climate science body said in a monumental climate report that we have only until 2030 to make massive and unprecedented changes to global energy infrastructure to limit global warming to moderate levels; and

WHEREAS the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307) in order to protect low-and-middle-income citizens from the economic impact of rising prices due to the carbon fee specifies that equal monthly per person dividend payments shall be made to all American households (one-half payment per child under 19 years old) each month from the fossil fuel fees collected. The total value of all monthly dividend payments shall represent 100% of the net carbon fees collected per month; and

WHEREAS the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307) will provide dividends from which 95% of low and middle-wealth Americans will come out ahead of rising prices or essentially break even. For a family of four, the annual dividend is projected to be \$2,974 after 4 years; and

WHEREAS the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307) will lead to a decrease in America's CO2 emissions of 30 percent in five years relative to a 2005 baseline, based on the Columbia University report, and will preserve national employment; and

WHEREAS the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307) encourages innovation of clean energy technologies and efficiencies which will reduce harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future generations; and

WHEREAS the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307) will accelerate the achievement of the City of Madison's sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307) has been endorsed by Wisconsin 2nd District Congressman Mark Pocan, State Senator Melissa Agard, Dane County Branch of NAACP, 350 Madison, 1500 members of Citizens Climate Lobby Madison chapter, Wisconsin State Journal, and many other groups and individuals from the Madison area,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Madison City Council urge the United States Congress to enact without delay the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307)**, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison City Council, no later than 30 days after passage of this Resolution, shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, to each U.S. Senator and Representative from the State of Wisconsin in the Congress of the United States, and to nearby city and county governments urging that they pass similar resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Madison City Council ask the Mayor of Madison to approach Climate Mayors individually and collectively urging them to petition the United States Congress to enact without delay the **Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021 (H.R.2307)**.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as a Resolution of the City Council of the City of Madison, State of Wisconsin at its regularly scheduled meeting held on _____.

_____, Mayor
City of _____

_____, City Clerk