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Ellen Best
Chair, Town of Blue Hill Select Board
18 Union Street
Blue Hill, ME 04614-5916

Dear Chair Best,

Thank you for contacting me to express your support for a carbon tax. I appreciate your taking the time to do so.

I understand your position, and agree that climate change is a global environmental challenge and poses a significant threat to the natural resources of Maine. I do not, however, support a carbon tax. I do support policies that promote the development of clean energy technologies, like long duration energy storage, and proposals to improve the energy efficiency of vehicles and buildings. Furthermore, as Vice Chair of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I am a strong advocate for Department of Energy funding for innovative research and Environmental Protection Agency funding to ensure that our nation's landmark environmental laws are upheld to protect human health and the environment.

You may be interested to know that I joined Senator Cantwell (D-WA) to introduce the Carbon Removal and Emissions Storage Technologies Act (CREST), legislation that directs the Departments of Energy and Interior to establish new research programs to evaluate the feasibility of carbon removal and storage pathways, quantify the net impact of carbon removal, and establish an innovative reverse auction purchasing program to accelerate carbon removal market commercialization.

I will continue to work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and further the goal of energy independence for our nation. Again, thank you for writing me.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator