

MAKE HPOLLUTERS PAY NOT FAMILIES

THE COST OF POLLUTION IS NOT ZERO

DISASTER RELIEF

HEALTH CARE

GROCERY BILLS

LOST WAGES, PROPERTY VALUES



NEW ATLAS

ENVIRONMENT

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Air pollution killing half a million kids each year, says World Health Organization

WHY DO POLLUTERS GET AWAY WITH PAYING ZERO?



THE KEY IS DESIGNING A POLICY THAT PUTS FAMILIES ON THE #FRONTLINESFIRST

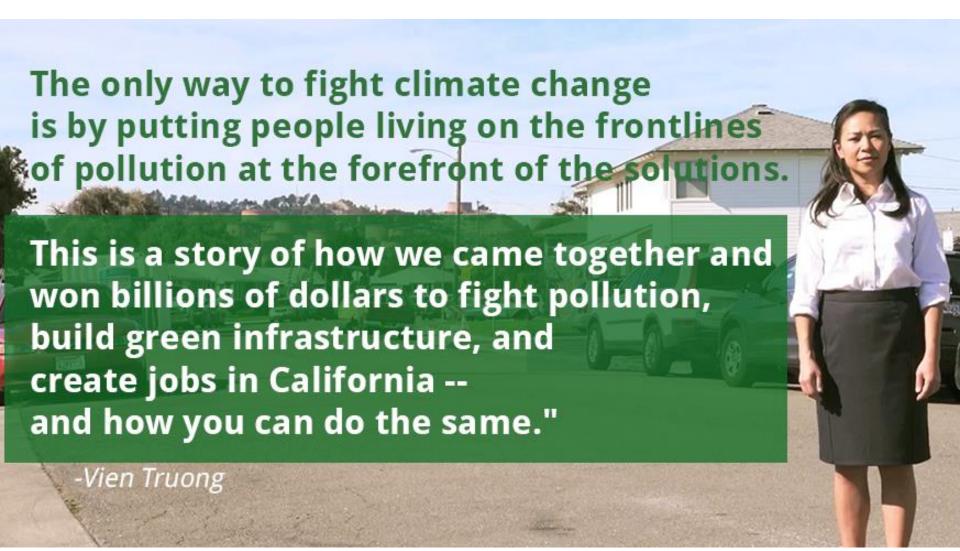
A CARBON PRICING POLICY THAT PUTS #FRONTLINESFIRST

Five basic elements:

- 1. Sets strong cap/price signal to drive emissions down quickly and recover true cost of pollution.
- 1. Reduces local emissions tackling pollution where it lives.
- 2. Prioritizes revenues for frontline communities to both a) prevent new price burdens on families; and b) accelerate toward clean energy through targeted community investments.
- 3. Responds & is accountable to frontline communities during policy design and implementation.
- 1. Supports a just transition for impacted workers.



CASE STUDY



CALIFORNIA PASSED A LAW TO LIMIT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

It chose a cap and trade policy to enforce these limits

THESE GROUPS FORMED A CALIFORNIA CLIMATE EQUITY COALITION:



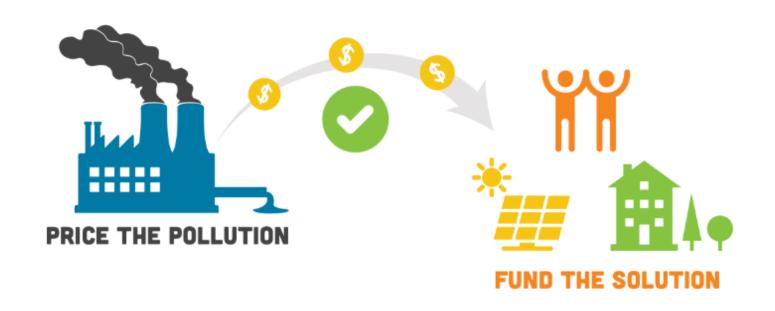








PASSED LEGISLATION TO DEDICATE 35% OF POLLUTER PAY FUNDS FOR #FRONTLINESFIRST





POLLUTER PAY FUNDS:

Free bus passes for seniors and students.

Electric ride share for rural communities that lack established bus line.

Helps low income consumers replace old clunkers.

Transitioning a county to all **zero- emission buses.**

Creates local jobs and apprenticeship opportunities.



Gives formerly incarcerated people jobs to plant trees in pollution-burdened areas.

Transforms unused land into community gardens to feed homeless and low income residents.

Brings solar and energy efficient affordable housing.

Save families money on their energy bill.



HOW DID CALIFORNIA DO IT?

- Economic and environmental justice advocates came together to form a coalition
- Passed legislation to secure a dedicated minimum of polluter pay funds for the most disadvantaged communities (35%)
- Identified what areas = "most disadvantaged"
- Asked communities what they wanted the money for
- Gave them what they asked for



PROGRAM AREA



Cleaner Freight

Accelerate the transition to low carbon freight and passenger transportation. www.arb.ca.gov



Clean Energy

Installation of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. www.csd.ca.gov



Affordable Housing Near Transit

Affordable housing near transit stations that reduces the number of vehicle miles traveled. www.sgc.ca.gov



Urban Forestry

Planting, cultivating, and maintaining trees and related vegetation in urban areas. www.calfire.ca.gov



Public Transit

Support new or expanded bus and rail services.

www.calsta.ca.gov



Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program

Program for rail and bus transit operators for capital improvements.

www.calsta.ca.gov

OVER \$1 BILLION INVESTED

HOW DID CALIFORNIA DO FULFILLING #FRONTLINESFIRST?

RIGHT		WRONG
3. Dedicated investments for disadvantaged communities.4. Accountable to community	1.	Not a strong enough price signal; gave free allowances.
stakeholders along the way.	2.	No attention to local
5. Created hundreds of green jobs; over 500,000 Californians now work in green economy.		emission reductions / trading problems.



COMPARING MODELS

MODEL	1. STRONG PRICE/CAP	2. REDUCE LOCAL EMISSIONS	3. FRONTLINE INVESTMENT	4. FRONTLINE ENGAGEMENT	5. JOBS
CAP, TRADE & INVEST (CA, OR, NY)	PRICE VARIES/ GAURANTEED POLLUTION CAP	NO GAURANTEE *Could implement trading exclusions	YES	YES	YES
CARBON TAX (WA)	SET PRICE/ NO POLLUTION LIMITS	NO GAURANTEE	YES	YES	YES
CARBON FEE & DIVIDEND (WA, VT, MA)	SET PRICE/ NO POLLUTION LIMITS	NO GAURANTEED REDUCTIONS AT ALL	NO	NO	NO



#GREEN FOR ALL



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