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**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:49 AM  
**To:** WILLAM CHRISTIAN  
**Cc:** Rebecca Buck  
**Subject:** RE: Carbon pricing in the state budget

Thank you William. ~Theresa

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**From:** WILLAM CHRISTIAN [[mailto:bill\\_christian@comcast.net](mailto:bill_christian@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 9:37 AM  
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I care very deeply about climate change, but I have a Vermont libertarian streak. I don't like the government telling me what to do. I am troubled that one person gets a \$3500 tax refund for buying a new electric vehicle, while someone who decides to bicycle through thick and thin, using far less energy, gets nothing. That is why I ADAMANTLY SUPPORT a carbon tax. It is non judgmental, it does not pick winners and losers. It just says "burn less gasoline, heating oil, and propane." We are even free to burn more, but we'll be fined for the irreversible harm that we're doing to our one and only planet, as we should be. With a carbon tax, I can CHOOSE to reduce my gasoline burning. I can buy an electric vehicle, car pool, push for real and useful public transport, work from home, move closer to work, bicycle, or dogsled. But if gasoline costs more, we'll use less. There is no doubt in the world about that. It is the only effective method, and it's the most fair. Of course we must make it as fair as possible and lessen the burden on lower income people.