Who We Are

A growing coalition of diverse groups, businesses and concerned citizens, including:
State Goals are great. But we need action to meet them.

- **Comprehensive Energy Goals**
  - 90% of all energy from renewables by 2050

- **Carbon Pollution Reduction Goals**
  - 25% reduction from 1990 levels by 2012
  - 50% reduction from 1990 levels by 2028
  - 75% reduction from 1990 levels by 2050

- **Homes weatherization**
  - 1 in 4 homes (80,000) weatherized by 2020
Who Supports a Carbon Pollution Tax?

• Anne Applebaum, Washington Post
• Paul Anderson, former Chairman and CEO, Duke Energy
• Alan Blinder, former Federal Reserve vice-chairman and Princeton Professor of Economics and Public Affairs
• Michael R. Bloomberg, former New York City Mayor
• David Brooks, The New York Times
• Michael Canes, former American Petroleum Institute Chief Economist

**Henry Paulson, former Treasury Secretary under President Bush**
• Gail Collins, The New York Times
• Clive Crook, Financial Times
• Jamie Dimon, Chairman and CEO JPMorgan Chase & Co
• E.J. Dionne, Washington Post
• Thomas Friedman, The New York Times

**Bill McKibben, founder of 350.org**
• Dr. James Hansen, Director, NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies
• Kevin Hassett, Director of Economic Policy Studies at the American Enterprise Institute (and McCain campaign advisor)
• Doug Henwoodwrote, The Nation
• Bob Herbert, The New York Times
• Bob Inglis, former U.S. Congressman (R-South Carolina)
• Holman W. Jenkins Jr, Wall Street Journal
• Elizabeth Kolbert, The New Yorker
• Nicholas Kristof, The New York Times

**Paul Krugman, The New York Times**
• Arthur Laffer, former economic adviser to President Reagan

**J. Wayne Leonard, former CEO of Entergy Corp**
• Gregory Mankiw, former Chair, President’s Council of Economic Advisers for President George W. Bush
Our Goals

• Substantially reduce VT’s carbon pollution
• Create economic benefits to the state and grow jobs
• Do so in a way that is equitable for low-income VTers
Our Plan

1) Put a price on carbon pollution.
2) Invest in Vermonters by helping us save money and cut pollution.
3) Cut taxes for Vermonters and Vermont businesses

90% tax cuts and rebates for Vermonters
10% investments in efficiency & clean energy
100% stays in Vermont
H.412

“An act relating to establishing a carbon pollution tax”

• Introduced this week by Reps. Mary Sullivan (Burlington) & David Deen (Westminster)

• Also cosponsored by:

  Rep. Diana Gonzalez
1) Put a price on carbon pollution

- Assessment on CO2 pollution from heating and transportation fuels
  - Paid by fossil fuel distributors
- Exempts electricity (covered by RGGI now)
- Price per ton: $100/ton proposed in H.412
- Phased in over 10 years
  - Starts at $10/ton in 2018, goes up $10/ton/year
  - $10/ton equates to 10 cents/gallon of gasoline, assuming distributors pass on the whole cost
And get the money back to Vermonters:
10 PERCENT would go into efficiency and clean energy investments
90 PERCENT would go back in the form of individual rebates and tax relief

*Chart breakdown is approximate
2) Help Vermonters save money and cut carbon pollution

10 PERCENT to Low Income Weatherization & an Energy Independence Fund

Helping people transition off fossil fuels...

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Saving energy & money

• **Weatherization:**
  – Average job cuts heating bill by 25-30%, costs $8,000

• **Cold climate air-source heat pumps:**
  – Can cut fossil fuel use 60–80%+, energy bills by over 40%
  – Generally costs $4–10,000 per home

• **More fuel efficient vehicles**

• **Park & rides, public transportation, solar**…
3) Cut taxes for Vermonters & VT businesses

90 PERCENT directly back to Vermonters through tax cuts and credits:

- Employer rebate
- Sales tax cut
- Refundable individual tax credit
- Low-income rebate

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We are committed to addressing the needs of low-income Vermonters.

- **Working with low-income advocates and experts to shape the best policy possible**
- **H.412**: Approximately 12 percent of revenue dedicated to additional rebate for Vermonters at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level
- **Every Vermonter gets the refundable tax credit, and low-income individuals get additional money sooner** (possible ways: EBT card, regular check)
Tax Reform: Vermonters and Businesses Win Big

• We took the time to do the research necessary to get the policy design right, and to understand its effects.

• Commissioned Regional Economic Models, Inc. (REMI) to model its impacts on Vermont’s economy and carbon pollution.

• REMI is an independent, non-partisan, nationally-recognized economic modeling firm.

• Clients in 47 states; in VT, includes Agency of Commerce and Community Development, Legislative Joint Fiscal Office, Public Service Dept.
REMI Results

REMI analyzed a scenario *similar to H.412*

- Carbon pollution goes down
- Economic indicators go up
- Higher pollution tax = bigger benefits

**WHY?** We save money by using less fossil fuel.
Why a pollution tax is good for Vermont

Fossil Fuels

Helping Vermonters save money on their energy bills and cut our dependence on fossil fuels keeps money in Vermont.

Nearly $2 billion
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We need all hands on deck! How to help:

• Talk to your family, friends, neighbors, community organizations
• Send Letters to the Editor or commentaries to your local paper — disseminate widely
• Meet and build relationships with your legislators
• Sign up on the EIV web site to remain up-to-date on new ways to get engaged
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