

1 [Supporting H.R. 2307 (Deutch) - The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021]

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3 **Resolution urging Congress to pass H.R. 2307, authored by Representative Theodore**
4 **E. Deutch, The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021, creating a Carbon**
5 **Dividend Trust Fund for the American people in order to encourage market-driven**
6 **innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce**
7 **harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous Nation for**
8 **future generations.**

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10 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco declared a climate emergency in
11 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, H.R. 2307 complements the efforts of the San Francisco Climate Action
13 Plan which also aims to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050 as well as
14 address racial and social equity, public health, and economic recovery; and,

15 WHEREAS, H.R. 2307 would reduce America’s carbon footprint in an equitable
16 manner; and

17 WHEREAS, Carbon pricing is a widely accepted pre-requisite to achieve climate goals;
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19 WHEREAS, In 2019, Janet Yellen and 27 Nobel economists signed a letter to the Wall
20 Street Journal calling for fee and dividend; and

21 WHEREAS, The policy would reduce America’s carbon pollution by 50% by 2030 and
22 help reduce America’s carbon pollution to net zero by 2050; and

23 WHEREAS, There are negative health effects association with increased pollution
24 caused by greenhouse gas emissions including asthma and other respiratory diseases; and

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1 WHEREAS, Poor air quality is responsible for as many as 1 in 10 American deaths;

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3 WHEREAS, A decrease in air pollution will specifically benefit BIPOC communities who
4 disproportionately suffer from the health impacts of fossil fuel burning; and

5 WHEREAS, Premature deaths in the United States due to air pollution are twice as
6 high as previously thought; and

7 WHEREAS, H.R. 2307 will improve health and save 4.5 million American lives over the
8 next 50 years by reducing pollution Americans breathe; and

9 WHEREAS, On April 1, 2021, Representative Theodore E. Deutch introduced H.R.
10 2307, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2021, which is intended to impose a
11 fee on the carbon content of fuels that emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere and
12 deposit such fees into a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund; and

13 WHEREAS, The bill would impose said fee on the producers or importers of the fuels
14 and is equal to the greenhouse gas content of the fuel multiplied by the carbon fee rate; and

15 WHEREAS, The carbon fee rate begins at \$15 per metric ton of CO₂ in 2021 and
16 increases by \$10 each year; and

17 WHEREAS, The bill includes exemptions for fuels used by agricultural or nonemitting
18 purposes and for fuels used by the Armed Forces; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco
20 supports passing of H.R. 2037 to implement carbon pricing at a federal level, reducing the
21 carbon footprint of the United States in an equitable manner; and, be it

22 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
23 Francisco urges Congress to pass H.R. 2037 in order to reduce the impacts of climate change
24 and facilitate an equitable and affordable transition to clean energy; and, be it

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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San
2 Francisco directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit copies of this Resolution to the President
3 and Vice President of the United States, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Majority
4 Leader of the Senate, U.S. Senators for the State of California, and to nearby city and county
5 governments, including the Santa Rosa City Council, Sebastopol City Council, Rohnert Park
6 City Council, Cotati City Council, Healdsburg City Council, San Jose City Council, City Council
7 of Daly City, and San Rafael City Council, urging that they pass similar resolutions.

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