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**From:** Lisa Hochstein

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**To:** comment, cotce

**Subject:** please support the gas and carbon taxes proposed by Fred Keeley

Dear Commission members,

I'm writing to ask you to please support the recommendation to raise gas and institute a carbon tax as part of your report to the State Legislature.

We face a dire threat from global warming that will ultimately be more costly to our society than such taxes. During the period last summer (2008) of higher gasoline prices, we saw a noticeable decrease in driving and an increase in awareness that people had of the energy they consumed.

If we take seriously our opposition to countries that back extremists and terrorism, we need to stop pouring money out to purchase oil, thereby funding them.

Please support Fred Keeley's proposal. Until we start paying the true cost for energy, we will continue to support a system that is at odds with our collective vision for a healthier and more peaceful world.

Sincerely,

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