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Dearest Friends,

The earth is a gift of Creation and our only home. As Friends, we are committed to living in right relationship with our planet through environmental stewardship. However, the worsening climate crisis threatens our prophetic vision of an earth restored. Without comprehensive action to reduce our carbon emissions, climate change will continue to harm our environment and our most vulnerable communities.

As people of faith, we call on Congress to pass a carbon pricing bill, lower greenhouse gas emissions, protect vulnerable communities, and restore our earth.

In reflecting on the impact of the climate crisis, I am drawn back to my own experience of wildfires in California. In 2018, the Camp Fire razed the town of Paradise, killing nearly 100 people. My hometown is only one hour away from Paradise. It could have been my town. Climate change only makes fires like these more likely. For the sake of our planet, we need to act.

At FCNL, we believe passing carbon pricing legislation to lower emissions and shift towards a clean energy economy is a step Congress must take. And in fact, several bipartisan carbon pricing bills have already been introduced.

In writing your members of Congress this month, please download the sample letter and call script. **Urge them to pass a carbon pricing bill** as one concrete step toward comprehensive action on climate change. **When you write your letter**, please add two to four sentences personally letting your member know why you are concerned.

**Then, call the U.S. Congress at 202-224-3121 to be connected to your representative’s and senators’ offices. You can also call your in-district offices!** Leave a message if they do not pick up, or if you are calling after office hours.

**If you can, I urge you to personally deliver your letters to the local offices of your members of Congress.** During FCNL’s February of Action, other advocates across the country are also delivering their message personally, thereby amplifying your voice. Acting locally in your communities can bring about national change, and it's easy to do. Visit fcnl.org/ActLocal to get started.

Ever faithfully onwards,

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“Friends hold that climate change is both a spiritual concern and a peace issue. The selfish exploitation of Earth and its finite resources... is the injustice against which prophets have cried out for centuries.”

–Ron Ferguson, Clerk, FCNL General Committee
Call Script

Hello, I am calling for Representative/Senator _____________________. I am a resident in [city, state] in district [number]. I believe that climate change is real and worsened by human activity. Congress has a moral obligation to address this environmental crisis in a bipartisan fashion. Pricing carbon is the most cost-effective way to reduce carbon emissions at the scale and speed necessary to address the climate crisis and protect our planet and people. I am asking you, as my member of Congress, to pass a carbon pricing bill.

(My story)

Please vote to restore the earth by supporting policies that put a price on carbon and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Letter Template

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Dear______________________________

Climate change affects our health, our economy, our national security, and our future. Often, people living in low-income and vulnerable communities are first impacted. Climate change, however, has been a partisan issue for too long. Congress must pass policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, reduce the impact of climate change, and protect vulnerable communities.

(My story)

Pricing carbon is one essential mechanism needed to address climate change—and bipartisan momentum for it is building in Congress. I urge you to join this conversation by supporting policies that put a price on carbon and reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Name
Physical Address
Phone
Email