



# Citizens' Climate Lobby

## Findings: 501 Congressional Meetings, June 2017

### I. What are the top concerns with Carbon Fee and Dividend?

**Table 1.** *The top three most common topic areas raised by Republican offices (the Climate Solutions Caucus (CSC), Jobs, and the Border) and Democratic offices (CSC, Paris, and Jobs, tied with the Dividend).*

<i>Top Issues</i>	<b>CSC</b>	<b>Paris</b>	<b>Jobs</b>	<b>Dividend</b>	<b>Border</b>
<b>Republicans</b>	96	33	63	45	48
<b>Democrats</b>	160	81	45	45	23
<i>Total</i>	256	114	108	90	71

#### ***CCL is responding to Congress' concerns:***

- CSC: We are excited about the widespread, bipartisan interest in the Climate Solutions Caucus. We hope you will contact Rep. Curbelo (Republicans) or Rep. Deutch (Democrats) about joining, or with your ideas for what role it should play.
- Paris: We were troubled by President Trump's withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement. We are hopeful that he will choose to re-enter the agreement to reclaim America's place at the bargaining table.
- Jobs: Carbon Fee and Dividend is projected to create 2.8 million jobs in 20 years. The largest sectors of job growth include health care, retail, accommodation and food services, and construction.
- Dividend: Offices were typically asking questions about dividend administration. CCL has a study on this from a retired economist from the Office of Tax Analysis US Treasury, and his work is the topic of Friday's briefing.
- Border: 8 of the 10 largest economies in the world have a carbon price (fee, tax, or cap) planned or in place. The 2 exceptions are India (which recently doubled its tax on coal), and the United States.

## II. CCL has good discussions in Republican Offices

**Table 2.** *In Republican offices, we provided a subjective assessment of their level of engagement with volunteers. Tier 1 = Republican offices who showed clear and genuine interest, Tier 2 = quiet, but not uninterested interactions, Tier 3 = combative or totally uninterested interactions, and N.R. = Offices where our notes lacked sufficient detail for a determination. Ratio (Tier 1/Tier 3) shows Tier 1 offices divided by Tier 3 offices. This table compares results from our past 4 June lobby days.*

<b>Year (R's only)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Tier 1</b>	<b>Tier 2</b>	<b>Tier 3</b>	<b>N.R.</b>	<b>Ratio (Tier 1/Tier3)</b>
2017	264	185	57	9	13	21
2016	275	162	78	16	19	10
2015	265	152	58	25	30	6
2014	253	124	43	41	45	3

The data clearly show that Republicans are more interested in market-based approaches to addressing climate change than anyone gives them credit for. 185 offices were ranked as Tier 1 (clear and genuine interest), whereas only 9 ranked as Tier 3.

To put it another way, 20 times as many Republican offices were clearly interested in what our volunteers had to say as offices who were clearly hostile to our message. This is an improvement over the last year, when “only” 10 times as many offices were Tier 1 compared to Tier 3.

## III. Who does CCL meet with?

In June of 2017, CCL had 501 meetings with Capitol Hill offices. In 23% of those meetings, our volunteers met with the Member of Congress. This is a big jump from previous years, when we’d typically have MOCs in 8-10% of our meetings.

In 412 of our 501 meetings, our volunteers recorded the rank of the staffer they were meeting with. All told, in 14% of those meetings, a Chief of Staff or a Legislative Director was present (15% in meetings with Republican offices, 12% in meetings with Democratic offices).

**In 2017, CCL had  
a Representative  
or a Senator in  
23% of our  
meetings.**

**CCL volunteers thank you for meeting with us, for sharing your concerns  
and questions, and listening to our interests!**