



Virginia Clinicians for Climate Action

Declaration on CLIMATE ACTION AND CARBON PRICING

WHEREAS clinicians have the knowledge and mission to play a vital role in protecting the health and prosperity of Virginia's families and communities from climate change;

WHEREAS the recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and National Climate Assessment reports call for immediate action to stem the worst effects of climate change;

WHEREAS climate change is neither a partisan nor a political issue but can be a bridge to bring us together for our common future;

WHEREAS climate change is harming the health of our patients today and negative impacts are expected to rise as the planet continues to warm;

WHEREAS strong federal action to mitigate against further climate change would protect the health of our patients and create a healthy planet for all future generations;

WHEREAS the IPCC report, leading national medical organizations, a consensus of global economists, NGOs, businesses, and policy leaders support the pricing of carbon pollution as the most effective means of reducing U.S. green house gas emissions and preventing further climate change.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:

VIRGINIA CLINICIANS FOR CLIMATE ACTION ENDORSES CARBON PRICING

We declare climate change a substantial and growing risk to the health of Virginians. We endorse equitable and effective state and national carbon pricing policies.

Congress should act immediately to implement a fair and effective bipartisan, national carbon pricing policy.