

## **Open Letter Supporting Initiative 732 by Leading University of Washington Climate Scientists**

As atmosphere, ocean, and earth scientists we are deeply concerned about the consequences of man-made climate change. Global temperature in 2015 was the highest on record and is likely to be exceeded this year. Calculations show that unchecked greenhouse gas emissions put us on course for a climate far outside human experience. Today's emissions will still be affecting the climate in a thousand years.

Limiting global temperature rise and its associated consequences will require international action to control emissions. United States leadership is indispensable, and national action is spurred by successful regional efforts.

### **I-732, the carbon tax swap, is our state's effort.**

This Washington State initiative, on the ballot this fall, will tax emissions from burning fossil fuels, decrease the sales tax, eliminate business taxes on manufacturers, and fund a Working Families Tax Rebate. This revenue-neutral measure offers the most progressive change in our tax code in decades and represents a bipartisan effort that rejects ideology.

While many interrelated social and environmental needs demand our attention, complex problems are best solved one step at a time. I-732 is a simple step in the right direction.

### **As scientists and citizens we urge you to join us in support of I-732 on Election Day.**

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