

The Opportunity:

Are you a conservative and concerned about climate change? You're not alone. **republicEn**.org is an online community of energy optimists and climate realists. Conservatives like us are the indispensable partners for action on energy and climate. We believe accountable marketplaces, creativity borne of liberty, and a smaller, more efficient federal government can solve the challenge of a changing climate.

Our community of **republicEns** share three common straits:

- > We're energy optimists, confident that market-driven innovation can accelerate an energy revolution;
- > We're climate realists, compelled by the evidence that climate risk requires risk management; and
- ▶ We are pumped to learn that they're not alone.

A Free-Enterprise Solution:

Energy markets are distorted by clumsy government regulations, fickle tax incentives, direct subsidies and the non-recognition of negative externalities. Free-enterprise innovation would flourish in the energy sector if there were a "true cost" comparison between competing fuels.

Taking stock of our limited government and conservative principles, **republicEns** believe that America should pursue and adopt an energy policy that:

- ▶ Ends all subsidies for all fuels;
- Attaches all costs to all fuels via an upstream, border-adjustable carbon tax that approximates the attachment of the hidden costs from the burning of fossil fuels; and
- > Returns all carbon-tax revenue to taxpayers through a dividend or dollar-for-dollar cut in other taxes.

Our Work:

Since opening shop in July 2012, we have spoken to thousands of conservatives and free-market advocates around the country. We speak to and engage face-to-face with conservatives at colleges, universities and graduate schools (*e.g.* College Republicans, Federalist Societies, evangelical groups, etc.) and in the surrounding communities (*e.g.* via talk radio, editorial boards, and other speaking opportunities).

Our Leadership:

Former Congressman Bob Inglis (R-SC) served a pair of six-year stints (1993-1999, 2005-2011) in the U.S. House of Representatives before losing re-election in a 2010 primary. In 2011, Inglis went full-time into promoting free enterprise action on climate change, launching the Energy & Enterprise Initiative in July 2012. He was awarded the 2015 John F. Kennedy Profile In Courage Award in May '15 for his work in trying to change the conversation on climate change. He has also appeared in the film "*Merchants of Doubt*" and the inaugural *Showtime* documentary series "*YEARS of Living Dangerously*."

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