

## RESOLUTION 16 -8

### **Resolution Supporting I-732 (Carbon Tax)\***

WHEREAS fossil fuels contribute to approximately 85 percent of carbon dioxide emissions in Washington State, and will continue to affect our economy and public health; and

WHEREAS the current price of fossil fuels does not adequately incorporate externalities of their consumption; and

WHEREAS forty countries and 20 sub-national jurisdictions have already committed to carbon pricing, Washington would lead the United States through enacting the first state-level carbon tax; and

WHEREAS companies favor regulations based on transparency and feasibility to ensure a just transition to carbon pricing, which exempts a carbon tax from other carbon pricing mechanisms; and WHEREAS I-732 has been endorsed by the 5<sup>th</sup> Legislative Democrats, 26<sup>th</sup> Legislative Democrats, 32<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District Democrats, 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats, 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District Democrats, Kitsap County Democrats, Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, Snohomish County Democrats, Whatcom County Democrats, and Young Democrats of Clark County in its provisions identified as follows:

- Reduce the state sales tax by one full percentage point.
- Fund the Working Families Rebate to provide up to \$1500 a year for 400,000 low-income working households in Washington State.
- Effectively eliminate the Business and Occupation tax for manufacturers.
- Institute a carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton of carbon dioxide on fossil fuels consumed in the state of Washington

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative District, County, and State Democratic Party urge its elected officials to endorse I-732 and to pass endorsement resolutions in their jurisdictions and encourage all voters to vote for I-732, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Democratic Party at all levels commits to holding Washington State Democratic members of Congress accountable to abide by the clear demands of their constituents and to urge Democrats represented by Republican members of Congress to hold their members of Congress accountable following the November 2016 election.

*Passed at the Clallam County Democratic Party Convention on 5/1/2016*

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\* I-732 encourages cleaner energy solutions by shifting the tax burden onto carbon pollution and away from regressive and burdensome taxes that hurt families and businesses. It is proposed that this will be accomplished by

- Reducing the state sales tax by one full percentage point,
- Funding the Working Families Rebate to provide up to \$1500 a year for 400,000 low-income working households,

- Effectively eliminating the B&O business tax for manufacturers, and
- Instituting a carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton CO<sub>2</sub> on fossil fuels consumed in the state of Washington.