

April Newsletter 2018

As individuals, we can assist in improving our environment. As a group of concerned individuals, we can do more! The Greater Knoxville Chapter of the Citizens' Climate Lobby is a group dedicated to significantly changing our environment.

April Meeting. The next CCL monthly meeting of the Greater Knoxville Chapter will be on **Tuesday, April 17th at 7 PM** at the **Knoxville Public Works Building, 3131 Morris Ave.** Our featured guest will be Congressional Candidate Renee Hoyos. Ms. Hoyos will provide us with an informative and interactive discussion on the challenges of a changing climate and present her views as to the potential public policies she would advance if elected. Please join us for a delightful evening with Ms. Hoyos and others who are determined to meet the challenges of a warming planet.

Chapter News.

1. **Regional Meeting.** Two of our stalwart members represented our chapter at the CCL Southeastern Regional meeting in Asheville NC last month. Thanks to Chet and Todd for their participation and bringing back current information about the progress being made on mediating carbon-based fuels in the environment.
2. **March Meeting Summary.** It was with pleasure that The Greater Knoxville Chapter of CCL welcomed Dr. Joshua Williams to our March meeting. Dr. Williams discussed his campaign for the U. S. Tennessee District 2 Congressional Office. He kindly, and thoughtfully, addressed and answered our detailed list of questions, most of which were directed to how he viewed his proposed office and his perspective on the environment.

Climate policy is not trivial. If it were, already we would have a clean environment, fresh air and fine drinking water for all. It is the objective of CCL to provide a method to limit greenhouse gases, one that makes a serious attempt to reduce carbon in the atmosphere. The complexity of economics of climate change challenges all. Please check out the following.

<https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/4/3/17187606/fossil-fuel-supply>

This is an interesting popular article, derived from a scientific article in *Climate Change*, (Green, F. & Denniss, R. *Climatic Change* (2018). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-018-2162-x>). They point out how the RSS – restrictive supply side - makes economic sense. *Question of the Day*: How does CCL's Carbon Fee and Dividend fit into the scheme of the Climate Policy Toolkit below?

Table 1 The climate policy toolkit

	Supply-side	Demand-side
Restrictive	<i>Restrictive supply-side climate policies</i> (e.g. FF subsidy reduction; FF supply tax; FF production quotas; FF supply ban/moratorium)	<i>Restrictive demand-side climate policies</i> (e.g. carbon tax; carbon cap-and trade; mandatory CO ₂ emissions standards)
Supportive (of substitutes)	<i>Supportive supply-side climate policies</i> (e.g. direct government provision of low-carbon infrastructure; R&D subsidies; renewable energy feed-in-tariffs)	<i>Supportive demand-side climate policies</i> (e.g. government procurement policies; consumer subsidies for energy-efficient or low-emitting substitutes)

Notes: FF = fossil fuels. Shaded area represents the focus of this article; unshaded areas are those typically analysed in the comparative literature on climate policy instruments.