



What is the purpose of Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL)?

The purposes of CCL are 1) To build the political will for a stable climate; 2) To empower individuals to have breakthroughs in exercising their personal and political power.

How did Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) get started?

"After I had given just a few talks about the climate, I realized that the actions I was suggesting to my listeners to take, while essential, were not a match for the problem. I realized that anything they intended to do would be swamped by what the government did or did not do. I realized that ordinary people like me would have to organize, educate ourselves, give up our hopelessness and powerlessness, and gain the skills to be effective with our government." ~ Marshall Saunders, Founder of Citizens' Climate Lobby

What does climate scientist Dr. James Hansen say about CCL?

"Most impressive is the work of the Citizens' Climate Lobby, a relatively new, fast-growing, nonpartisan, nonprofit group. If you want to join the fight to save the planet, to save creation for your grandchildren, there is no more effective step you could take than becoming an active member of this group.

How does CCL work?

- CCL uses a mix of group empowerment and support that includes monthly national conference calls with a guest speaker for all volunteers and weekly calls with group leaders.
- CCL trains volunteers to speak powerfully to their elected officials, the media and their local communities in order to inspire members of Congress to be leaders and spokespersons for a stable climate.
- CCL volunteers meet with their members of Congress, launch letter-writing campaigns, write letters to the editor and op-ed pieces, and generate editorials to promote a sustainable climate.

In 2013, CCL Chapters ...

- had 681 meetings with congressional offices
- met with 46 newspaper editorial boards
- published 1,277 letters to the editor
- published 251 opeds
- generated 41 editorials
- generated 116 articles
- participated in 700 outreach events

What is CCL working on now?

By the end of 2013, CCL had over 150 chapters worldwide. CCL is working to enact legislation that will put a direct and steadily-increasing fee on carbon-based fuels that will wean our nation off of fossil fuels and move us toward greater use of clean energy sources such as solar and wind. This legislation should also return revenue from the carbon tax to households so that consumers have the income to pay for increased energy costs.

CCL volunteers work with the media, their communities, and members of the 113th Congress to introduce and pass bipartisan legislation for a consumer-friendly carbon fee that returns revenue to households.