

MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENDORSES THE ENERGY INNOVATION & CARBON DIVIDEND ACT, H.R. 763

The endorsement is one of several initiatives being advanced by the Resiliency & Sustainability Task Force

Miami Beach, FL – The largest business group in Miami Beach has voted in favor of a bipartisan climate solution known as the [Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act](#). The vote was a major win for the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce’s Resiliency & Sustainability Task Force (RSTF), which partnered with [Citizens’ Climate Lobby](#) Miami Chapter in presenting the legislation to the Chamber’s decision-making body, the Board of Governors. The bill, which garnered the support of numerous cities across the country, places a steadily rising fee on carbon pollution and gives the revenue to households to support people as the country transitions to a clean energy economy.

Founded in January 2019 by the [Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce](#), RSTF is a grassroots action and advocacy group. Through a series of bold, business-forward and civic-minded initiatives, the group realizes its mission to educate, innovate and advocate for climate change solutions. While the main focus is Miami Beach, some of the efforts underway have national, and even global, implications. Appropriate considering the international appeal of the 7-mile barrier island, which also happens to be ground zero for sea level rise associated with global warming.

According to RSTF Co-Chair Reinaldo Borges, an architect, and widely recognized resilience expert, “we have to start with big ideas when it comes to reducing the use of carbon in our global society, and the Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act is a great step forward into affecting change and reducing our carbon emissions.” Borges has been a catalyst for securing the Chamber’s support, as he knows it will give the bill more weight when it is formally presented to the city commission.

At the last RSTF meeting in April, aboard a solar-powered, floating houseboat called ARKUP #1, business leaders, community advocates, environmentalists and city officials explored various themes in addition to H.R. 763. They included discussions with Florida Power & Light around enhancing solar conversions and collecting electricity usage data to support actionable insights, FIU student presentations around sustainability, Miami Beach’s upgraded FEMA rating, and Miami Beach’s Plastic Free campaign.

If you are a Miami Beach resident and interested in supporting H.R. 763, the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce encourages you to write, call or tweet to your city officials.

ABOUT THE MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce was formed in 1921 to promote the economic well-being of Miami Beach's citizens, to improve the quality of life for the entire community, and to communicate the view of the business community on major issues of public policy. For more information visit <http://www.miamibeachchamber.com/>.

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