

## Congressional Candidate Offers Hope for Climate Progress

By Dr. James Hansen

NEWTON, MA – July 24, 2018 – Since 2010, I have believed that 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 Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL).

Gary Rucinski followed my advice in 2010. He founded the Boston CCL chapter and has been both Northeast Regional Coordinator and Massachusetts State Coordinator for the organization. He has traveled to Washington, D.C. nine times since 2011 and participated in approximately 50 meetings on Capitol Hill on the topic of climate change.

Now Gary is ready to go one better by becoming one of the members of Congress CCL volunteers meet with on an ongoing basis.

Gary has a Ph.D. in experimental particle physics and has worked in the high tech industry in eastern Massachusetts for three and a half decades, including more than two decades in the defense industry. This year he became convinced that our country needs more members of Congress who can make climate change their headline issue. I agree.

Gary understands that the first best step for slowing climate change is to put a gradually increasing fee on fossil fuels and return 100% of revenues to all households equally. Because I know Gary has the technical and policy knowledge so desperately needed on Capitol Hill if we're going to make progress on climate change in time, I wholeheartedly endorse him for U.S. House of Representatives from the Fourth Massachusetts Congressional District in the Democratic Primary on September 4.

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