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The IPCC has given us until 2030 to reduce carbon emissions sufficiently, that is, by 50%, to hold warming to 1.5 degrees C, beyond which preventing future warming and climate catastrophe becomes problematic.

Nothing presents a greater risk to humanity and civilization as it has developed over the past several thousand years.

Recent legislation initiated by the Biden administration can get us, if everything works as planned, to 40%. That is not certain by any means, but in any case is still insufficient to achieve the 1.5 C target. The most effective means to achieve this goal is, IN ADDITION, through placing a price on carbon; that is, through a steadily increasing carbon fee (with dividend to ordinary citizens), accompanied by a carbon border adjustment or tariff to encourage other countries to do the same. This approach is endorsed by economists worldwide, and has already been implemented in a number of countries including Canada. It provides an economy-wide remedy which can be measured and adjusted to ensure carbon or CO₂ atmospheric reductions are sufficient to meet the goals necessary to hold warming to 1.5 C, and mitigate the risk of climate warming spinning out of control.

Without it, we are simply shooting in the dark. Wishing and a-hoping aren't enough. We need more.