

October 4, 2010

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Dear Mr. Frederick:

Every year the Climate Change Leadership Institute (CCLI) gives out Climate Courage Awards to national or state figures who through their daring and dedication make an important impact to address human induced climate change.

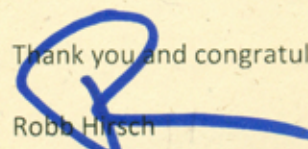
This year's award goes to you representing the New Mexico Environmental Law Center and to John Fogarty representing the New Energy Economy for your joint efforts petitioning the New Mexico State Environment Improvement Board (EIB) to implement statewide limits on human induced climate change pollution.

Given that the United States Congress – by not passing climate legislation nor any meaningful energy policy reform – has failed to assume the leadership and integrity that is required of this nation, the heavy lifting has fallen to the states and on the backs of all citizens. Your organization along with your cohort have taken to heart this public duty and, in the face of cynicism and immense special interest counter pressure from the fossil fuel industry, you are bravely pushing New Mexico to lead by example by capping its excessive statewide emissions of carbon dioxide from industrial power plants.

We commend the New Mexico Environmental Law Center and New Energy Economy for standing firm, being pragmatic and working tirelessly to enact a cap on carbon emissions in the state. While the Climate Change Leadership Institute favors a straightforward, transparent carbon tax (one which besides generating clean energy deployment and R & D investment should be revenue neutral and replete with earned income tax credits for the lower and middle class working people of this country), a cap on industrial scale greenhouse gas emissions will also vitally protect the public health, stimulate the new energy economy and importantly demonstrate responsibility to future generations by helping safeguard life on earth.

By giving the 2010 Climate Courage Award to you and John Fogarty we express our solidarity and support for your respective organizations' causes and efforts. The Climate Courage Award comes with our respect as well as a plaque, a financial contribution and hopefully some additional media attention to your crucial endeavors. We would appreciate if possible a brief letter of response at your convenience so we may put up your thoughts and reflections on our website as we have with the past recipients.

Thank you and congratulations,



Robb Hirsch
Executive Director
Climate Change Leadership Institute