

# Voluntary Carbon Tax Witness Pledge Form

I am / we are joining this activity in order to:

1. Witness to others our urgent concern for the Earth and Creation,
2. Provide a way to act in common with others around this concern,
3. Repair damage we have done to the Earth by our energy use & act to reverse further climate change,
4. Overcome the sense of powerlessness or hopelessness around our ability to address effectively the climate change threatening our precious planet,
5. Raise our awareness of our energy usage and encourage us to reduce it.

The manner of determining the voluntary carbon tax is entirely up to you and probably will be different for all participants. **A simple method is just to send in a regular quarterly contribution, in any amount!** Another method is to estimate your usage for **any** or **all** of the categories suggested below.

The point is, you fill in the blanks with the method and amount left entirely up to you, but recorded here to make a clear and definite commitment. If it proves unworkable, you can submit a new form at any time with revisions. An online calculator at <http://www.mounttobyfriends.org/gascal/gascal.html> may be helpful; it will let you experiment to see what your estimated tax would be using various methods.

I/we plan to include in my/our voluntary carbon tax the following carbon-using categories and methods:

\_\_\_ **Gasoline/Diesel:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(X cents per mile traveled, or X cents per gallon purchased, or X percent of your actual cost)

\_\_\_ **Heating where you live:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(X cents per gallon of oil, or X percent of your heating bills)

\_\_\_ **Public and other transportation (bus, plane, etc)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Electricity** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we agree to calculate our carbon tax at the end of each quarter and mail a check for it, made out to Portland Friends Meeting, to the Treasurer (currently Kathy Beach, 14 Drew Road, South Portland, ME 04106) by the 15th of the following month (April 15, July 15, etc.). The fund steward will send you periodic reminders of these dates.

I/we understand that my/our participation in this witness will be disclosed to others if they inquire, but the specific methods I/we select and actual contributions I/we make to this fund will be known only to our fund steward.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Starting date \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep one copy of this pledge as a reminder of your commitment formula. Give or e-mail one copy to the fund steward (currently Rob Levin, [rob@roblevin.net](mailto:rob@roblevin.net)) More information about this witness is available from Rob and on the website at <http://www.mounttobyfriends.org/action/voluntary-carbon-tax-witness/>. Thank you for joining us in this shared witness!

*“Be patterns, be examples in all countries, places, islands, nations wherever you come; that your carriage and life may preach among all sorts of people.” – George Fox 1656*