

Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future Topical Lunch

Title: *Citizens' Climate Lobby*

Host: David Kay, Sr. Extension Associate, Development Sociology

Date: Tuesday November 7, 2017 12:00 – 1:00pm 300 Rice Hall

Dr. Daniel Richter, Legislative Director, Director of Research for the Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) an international organization with primary operations in the US. CCL has been largely responsible for over 30 Republican members of the House of Representatives declaring on either H. Res. 195 or with their membership on the Climate Solutions Caucus that Congress should act to address climate change. At present, there are more such Republicans than there are in the Freedom Caucus, and they constitute a potential blocking minority within the majority for playing legislative defense (23 votes is a blocking minority, assuming no Democratic votes). Additionally, on June 13, 2017, CCL volunteers had sit-down meetings with 501 offices on Capitol Hill, 28% of which included a member of Congress. An analysis of the notes from those meetings suggests areas where further research is most needed, to address concerns of members of Congress for passage of Carbon Fee and Dividend legislation. Dr. Danny Richter, CCL's Vice-President of Government Affairs, conducted the analysis of meeting minutes, and will share highlights and identify areas where further research is needed.