

PRICING CARBON THE WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CONFERENCE

A Welcome from Vice President Al Gore: "Pricing Carbon: The Wesleyan Conference"

Dear Conference Participants —

I'd like to congratulate Wesleyan's new College of the Environment for co-hosting this important event with the Price Carbon Campaign. I'm encouraged to see the diversity of groups sponsoring this conference. Your agenda is timely, your presenters are well chosen, and your mission could not be more important. Regrettably, I cannot join you, but I will be paying attention to what takes place at your conference.

After a year marked by ever-more alarming and ominous signs of climate crisis, and policymakers in Washington and on the international stage mired in gridlock, it's understandable that many of our allies are concerned and disappointed. But, as we know, the darkest hour is often just before dawn. That you have picked this moment to seek a consensus with a broad coalition of climate activists for a carbon pricing mechanism that is effective, equitable and politically viable is encouraging and commendable.

Pricing carbon is a difficult path, but a worthy one, and it is needed. By proceeding with the determination, intelligence and sense of moral obligation that I see in your coalition, you will, in my opinion, be well-positioned to wield significant influence on legislation presented in the next Congress and beyond.

I am hopeful that the panels, workshops, discussion, will lead to a strong resolution that will be instructive and motivational to climate activists and legislators from around the country as we mobilize for effective and meaningful climate legislation in the 112th Congress and beyond.

I wish you well.



Al Gore