

A boost for carbon tax

Kudos to the Herald for its article on the Yale University conference on climate change and its reporting on Leonardo DiCaprio's presentation there ("DiCaprio foundation awards \$20M in eco-grants," Sept. 19). But DiCaprio only played a bit part at the conference.

What was truly newsworthy was the key role played by U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.). Graham said, in a filmed message shown at the conference: "I believe that the greenhouse effect is real, that CO2 emissions generated by man is creating our greenhouse gas effect that traps heat, and the planet is warming. A price on carbon — that's the way to go in my view."

Graham is now working with U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) to draft legislation on a carbon tax bill. This is part of an encouraging increase in bipartisan cooperation on climate change.

— Judy Weiss, Brookline

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