

Activism is key to climate progress

Kudos to Sen. Elizabeth Warren for her op-ed opposing more natural gas infrastructure. She notes that many constituents feel their concerns about energy and climate change are ignored. I met with Sen. Warren in her Washington office regarding climate change. She listened and made sure everyone in her reception area listened too, no matter why they were there. She described for all of us her trip to see retreating ice sheets in Canada that currently supply water to our plains states' aquifers - the aquifers will run dry when the ice sheets are gone.

Her op-ed reminds me that when we feel our concerns are being ignored, we must talk more about climate change, and resist every pipeline, call out the media for not refuting all climate change misinformation uttered by Trump's staff, and insist our senators block cabinet appointments of fossil fuel lobbyists who deny human-caused climate change.

Physicist, thinkprogress.org blogger, and climate activist Joe Romm advises that activism is the best response to climate change grief: Become active in an environmental organization, end climate silence by raising climate change daily with friends, strangers or family, and keep repeating your message again and again (we need a carbon tax to transition quickly and without chaos to clean energy, and if Congress won't enact one, then Massachusetts must lead the way with a state carbon tax).

Never give in. Star Trek's Captain Picard was told by the Borg that resistance is futile. Picard resisted. We can resist. Never give in.

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