

Activist group doing good work

Kudos to Grannies for a Livable Future for braving all types of weather and discomfort to keep climate change in the public eye, and thank you to the Press-Citizen for reporting on their demonstration this week.

I'm also a granny, but I'm not real good with signs, banners, snow or rain. Instead, I volunteer with the Citizen's Climate Lobby, writing about effective, easy things everyone can do to fight climate change. Everyone can call or write Senators Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst, and urge them to join the Senate Energy and Environment working group established by Republican Senators Kelly Ayotte, Mark Kirk, Lamar Alexander and Lindsey Graham. Call them from the comfort of your easy chair.

Grannies for a Livable Future "just want the public to know how urgent our crisis is." It's a crisis because we wasted 25 years not acting, but there is still time to fix it. As President Obama said this week in Paris, we must be optimistic and "have confidence that human innovation, our values, our judgment, our solidarity, it will win out." He's right, but the task of cutting emissions and developing clean energy would be so much easier if Congress would do their fair share by enacting carbon pricing legislation. As a granny, I'm not real good with government officials not doing their job to protect constituents and country from foreseeable future dangers.

As a granny, I'm also not real good with regret. One day, my grandson will ask me what I did about climate change when I found out about it. I would have tremendous regret if I had no answer for him. I want to be able to tell him that I trusted our system of government so much, that I worked hard to create enough political will that Congress enacted a gradually rising revenue-neutral carbon fee and dividend system because this policy is the best way to cut emissions.

How do you feel about regret?

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