

All Hands On Deck For Climate Change

Letter to the editor

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Thanks for publishing "Invading Mosquito" by Durland Fish, Eric Ellman and Mark Pagani, members of the Yale Climate and Energy Institute, which warned about local changes in infectious disease due to climate change [April 13, Opinion]. Climate change is already causing many problems, from health issues to rising sea levels and droughts.

The time to act on climate change is now. Almost 100 major American companies have called on Congress to enact climate change legislation. Yale economics professor William Nordhaus argues that a carbon tax is the best way to fight climate change. To make it appealing to the public, the tax should be paid by fossil fuel companies and rebated to the public either via rebate checks or a reduction in other taxes.

I urge all Yale University professors to lobby Congress for a climate fix like the one recommended by Nordhaus. I urge the Yale University board to call on its alumni, wherever they live in the country, to lobby their members of Congress for climate legislation.

It's time for all hands on deck!

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