

Be A Climate Hero Instead

The editorial about climate change warming oceans and decimating Connecticut's lobster industry was great [Aug. 31, courant.com, "Warmer Waters Have Decimated CT's Lobster Fishery"], but one statement was wrong: "The main villain, scientists say, is climate change." Climate change is a fact, not an agent with free will who acts with evil motives. Scientists have proved that humans are the main cause of climate change.

Many of us dislike hearing this because we know that causing harm inadvertently is forgivable, but inexcusable after we've been warned and have alternatives.

We hate thinking that we're villains for driving gas guzzlers, flying when less polluting options are available and failing to insist our government pursue optimal solutions. I agree with the editorial that "we must support efforts to reduce the emissions that are causing climate change." However, although regulatory efforts are a great step, only congressional action can cut emissions fast enough.

I urge people to be heroes on this issue, to convince their churches, schools and environmental organizations to send buses of members to Washington for a Sept. 24 climate rally in honor of Pope Francis' address to Congress.

The pope will also speak to climate heroes rallying on the Mall. Together we can make Congress pass optimal climate legislation.

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