

Bipartisan push is needed over carbon tax

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THANKS FOR Yvonne Abraham's column on the closing of the Salem Harbor coal-fired power plant, and the hurried power play of state Representative John Keenan to push for a gas conversion instead of a non-fossil-fuel alternative ("[Playing dirty](#)," Metro, Dec. 8). Keenan provides a learning opportunity for environmentalists: Not all Democrats put climate change and country first; some appear to put self-interest first. Meanwhile, some Republicans have argued that the best course of action on climate change is a revenue-neutral carbon tax.

Now is the time to bring the finest members of each party together to cosponsor a bipartisan carbon-tax measure. Republican Senators Kelly Ayotte and Rob Portman, would you please work with Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Ed Markey? Republican Representative Chris Smith, would you work with Democratic Representatives Joseph Kennedy III and Patrick Murphy? New Jersey and Florida have suffered from major events attributable to climate change. Massachusetts has watched them suffer, and we know that there but for the grace of God go we.

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