

Carbon fee

Thanks for publishing Luke Metzger's June 8 column, "The cost of ignoring climate change." He seems to support the EPA's Clean Power Plan as a way to grow Texas' wind energy business. But he doesn't mention that, even if Texas' senators suddenly saw the light and acknowledged the need to cut emissions and slow climate change, most congressional Republicans wouldn't join them in supporting the EPA's regulatory approach. Rather, they are more likely to support a market-based system to reduce emissions.

Economic studies have been done on carbon pricing legislation (charging fees to be paid by fossil fuel producers) with rebates of all revenue collected to the public. Studies indicate that a carbon fee and rebate policy is good economic policy. It would increase jobs, national GDP, save lives, and shield the public from rising energy costs.

EPA regulations will push up energy costs, will cut emissions slowly, but won't provide inflationary assistance to consumers. A carbon fee would cut emissions faster than regulations and provide the public with rebates, shielding us from price increases from fees.

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