

Letter: Carbon tax best way to reduce emissions

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What a beautiful article by Steven Griffith (Jan. 9) explaining how climate change and cold spells are not inconsistent. As a high school science teacher, Griffith has a gift for conveying scientific information and logical thought.

Now, if a high school economics teacher would write an article explaining why carbon taxes are the most efficient and inexpensive way to reduce emissions, your readers would understand that a national carbon tax is so much better than EPA regulations. Regulations only affect some segments of the economy, and do not affect foreign countries. Carbon taxation affects the entire economy equitably and, with border adjustments, prevents U.S. [businesses](#) from being at a disadvantage competing with foreign businesses.

A U.S. carbon tax would also induce foreign countries to adopt their own carbon tax in order to avoid paying U.S. carbon taxes. Furthermore, although carbon taxes force prices to increase, the taxes can be rebated to the public, alleviating the hardship of price increases. Regulations also force prices up, but do not offer rebates to individuals. Businesses want Congress to take action on climate change. Roughly 700 have signed a declaration urging U.S. climate action because business needs a stable environment in which to function (stable water supply, stable weather to protect outdoor workers, stable sea level to protect coastal [infrastructure](#), stable power supply).

Businesses do not want to face a different climate change policy in each state, they prefer one national policy. They prefer a gradually rising revenue-neutral carbon tax with border adjustments because it is predictable, easy to administer, and leaves them the freedom to decide how to adapt (instead of having regulations imposed on them). If Congress enacts a carbon tax, we will eventually be free of emissions while [business](#) is free to choose how we get there.

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