

# Letters to the Editor — April 9, 2014

## Carbon tax

To the editor: Thanks for presenting a summary of the two climate change studies commissioned by the Granite State Future. The reports make it clear that by mid-century, we will regularly experience dire consequences from climate changes if fossil fuel emissions are not reduced immediately. Although the EPA is preparing to release new regulations for power plants in June, EPA regulations are not the most efficient way to reduce emissions, and they are not the most cost effective way. It would be much better, if Congress would enact a carbon tax to be paid by fossil fuel producers and rebated to the public. The tax will encourage energy efficiencies without new EPA regulations, and will encourage private investors to invest in emissions-free energy projects without the government having to offer tax credits. The rebate will protect consumers from price increases. Moreover, a carbon tax with border adjustments will induce foreign countries to adopt similar carbon tax laws in order to avoid paying our tax.

Readers should please urge Senator Kelly Ayotte to speak about the dangers of climate change and the need for carbon tax legislation because no legislation will be enacted without Republican support, and right now many Republicans are still unaware of the urgency of climate change and the benefits of a carbon tax.

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