Citizens should follow Sutter's lead

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Thank you for your excellent editorial praising Bristol County District Attorney Sam Sutter's decision to treat Ward and O'Hara's civil disobedience as a civil infraction rather than criminal, and reminding readers it is incumbent on all of us to protest wrongdoing when social, political or economic change is essential.

Climate change requires citizens engage in non-violent protest to change the current political climate in which effective legislation cannot be passed. A simple, painless economic legislative solution will clean our air and water while slowing climate change. Bills for this solution are in Congress, but Congress is incapable of addressing these bills because congressional Republicans currently act as if they care more about what oil and gas tycoons want than what the American people want.

Citizens are responsible for making Congress hear what we want over the cha-ching of oil and gas money.

Let Congress hear what you want by marching in New York City on Sept 21. Or call your members of Congress. Write to Gov. Deval Patrick to say that natural gas isn't a bridge fuel and we don't want more natural gas infrastructure. Join Citizens' Climate Lobby to learn how to lobby for carbon pollution fees that will curb emissions quickly.

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