

Clean power now

John Bernard's great column, "We need limits on carbon pollution from power plants — strong ones — for our kids" (BDN, Sept. 28), reminded grandparents, parents and all people that the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan regulations need public support, and are just a first step in the right direction.

I, too, can play the grandparent card: my grandson lives in Bangor. I spend most of my time volunteering for Citizens' Climate Lobby because, although the EPA is doing good work on climate change, congressional legislation could be much more effective at lowering emissions quickly, cheaply and equitably.

While Bernard urges more emphasis on renewables, energy efficiency and deeper emissions cuts, Citizens' Climate Lobby (along with most economists, politicians, scientists and even Wall Street Journal business writers) recognizes that new congressional legislation would do a better job of lowering emissions and motivating private enterprise to develop renewables and generate greater energy efficiencies.

In order for Congress to consider legislation to lower emissions faster than the EPA's Clean Power Plan, voters must only vote for congressional candidates who acknowledge climate change's urgency, and promise to enact climate change legislation.

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