

# Climate advocacy connects with core values, moral stance

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I loved your article about [10 Missourians paddling the Missouri River to deliver petitions to Gov. Nixon on behalf of thousands of Missourians](#). Reading about the paddlers made me happy because they merged climate advocacy with their values: love of nature, appreciation of paddling and desire to protect their communities from dangers. Climate advocacy grows from one's values and reflects one's deepest convictions. Advocates must reconnect regularly to core values in order to sustain and energize advocacy efforts.

Over the last 40 years, my husband and I spent many vacations paddling, portaging, wilderness camping and teaching our kids survival skills. Four years ago, I joined Citizens' Climate Lobby to become our family's climate advocate because a rabbi cannot ignore a moral issue of this magnitude. I may become confused over difficult scientific reports, but my scientist husband explains details to me at my level. When writing about CCL's market-based emissions proposal, I might misunderstand economics concepts, but my son, an economics professor, clarifies specifics for me. When feeling hopeless, I FaceTime with my grandson to remember why I must persist.

I wish I could sit in the front of a canoe with my laptop and write while my husband paddles in back. He promised me the Erie Canal, the Mississippi River and Minnesota's boundary waters. If readers urge U.S. Rep Vicky Hartzler to co-sponsor Republican Rep. Chris Gibson's resolution for "conservative environmental stewardship," then maybe Congress will eventually enact market-based climate legislation, and my laptop will stay home.

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