

Climate change awareness is growing, by Judy Weiss

Thank you for Matt Nanci's article covering Antioch University's Center for Climate Preparedness and Community Resilience's vital role helping communities prepare for the effects of climate change. Often communities have trouble accessing reliable information, and analyzing which options are financially and environmentally worthwhile, and which not.

In fact, Antioch University's concerned faculty and students also recently helped my climate change organization with our work mitigating climate change. I volunteer with Citizens' Climate Lobby, an organization of more than 15,000 volunteers lobbying Congress for legislation to cut emissions and slow climate change. Antioch provided us with a wonderful venue in February to hold an initial training meeting for students, faculty and concerned citizens to learn about our organization's legislative proposal and methods. We educate the public, giving them access to trustworthy climate change science information and economic analysis of policy options. We focus on economic solutions to climate change that will slow emissions while protecting the economy from shock and the public from inflation.

CCL also ran several information sessions on Capitol Hill to educate members of Congress on economically sound climate change options. There was so much interest in our recent information sessions that there wasn't enough room for all the representatives who wanted to attend, and no one left early. Since approximately one-third of the attendees were Republican representatives or aides, we have great hope that Congress will consider bipartisan climate change legislation soon. We've even found there's congressional interest in our running more information sessions this month.

Please help us spread our hopeful policy information so that more members of Congress will seek to co-sponsor effective, affordable climate legislation. CCL will be holding monthly meetings in Keene. Contact us for location and time.

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