

# Climate change dangers

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Thank you for Jim Sandoe's fine letter on the People's Climate March and the need for national legislation to lower emissions. Sandoe focuses on aspects of climate change that Americans need to learn: the science, the economics of climate risk and climate policy, the military and security dangers, health implications and the moral issues.

There is one more topic Americans need to learn: the civic responsibility of citizens living in a democracy. Citizens are responsible for voting in every election. Citizens sometimes don't bother voting in midterm elections, but everyone's vote is important this year in order to elect a Congress that understands the American public rejects climate change denials and wants climate change action.

Citizens also are responsible for contacting their senators and representatives regularly to tell them what we want. Democracy only works if we educate our representatives about the issues that matter to us and then hold them accountable on Election Day.

Readers should educate members of Congress about the urgency of climate change and how much we want national legislation that can lower emissions faster and cheaper than Environmental Protection Agency regulations can.

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