

Judy Weiss: Climate change is critical

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Thank you for the editorial bemoaning the lack of discussion of climate change throughout the campaign season. I agree with the presentation of the issues but disagree with the conclusion.

It is rightly noted that at least Obama acknowledges climate change is caused by our use of fossil fuels — though Romney is uncertain; has championed higher auto standards — that Romney would undo; asked Congress to end oil and gas subsidies — that Romney supports; stopped the Keystone XL pipeline — that Romney would build; and asked for tax credits for green technologies — that Romney would end.

Sadly, the current style of presidential debates does not lend itself to a thoughtful presentation of an issue as complex as climate change, its risks, its legislative solutions, and its effects on our economy. What we need is a lengthy, national address from the Oval Office, but we won't get it until after the election — and not at all if Romney is elected.

I disagree with the call to voters to demand that climate change be addressed in this last debate. It is too late. Rather the call should be on voters to vote with climate change as their prime concern. Voters must vote for president, senators and representatives who will fight climate change.

In Minnesota, that means asking voters to remove from office all politicians who voted against the environment — Klein, Paulsen, Bachman, Petersen and Cravaack.

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