Letter: Climate change op-ed stands as lesson for writers

January 05, 2014 12:00 AM Climate op-ed stands as lesson for writers

By publishing Steve DiMarzo's misguided, ill-informed, and impolite op-ed article, you have given the Boston chapter of Citizens Climate Lobby, or CCL, a wonderful opportunity to educate the public about climate change. During 2013, Boston CCL had eight members writing letters to the editor and op-ed articles on climate change. Most of our pieces explained why a revenueneutral carbon tax is the best policy option for reducing emissions, slowing climate change, stimulating the economy and driving the development of clean energy technology.

Our members are well-read on climate change, the science, the policy implications, and the political players in our state, in neighboring states, and in Congress. Some of us are scientists, others are professors, educators, clergy, marketing specialists, business people and journalists. We seek to inform the public and our members of Congress about climate change and carbon taxation in order to create the political will to enable Congress to pass a carbon tax bill similar to the one written by Sens. Barbara Boxer and Bernie Sanders.

In 2014, our chapter plans to double our efforts. We expect to have at least 16 members actively writing letters and op-ed articles. We intend to start a new chapter in New Hampshire to make sure whoever runs for Senate and the House of Representatives from New Hampshire will be knowledgeable about climate change and will make it their top priority.

Please keep publishing drivel about wrong-headed alarmists so our new members can get practice writing polite, clear letters to the editor.

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