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Climate change piece about skiing praised

Letter to the Editor

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Thank you for David Brooks' excellent article on how bad climate change will be for the New England economy as ski areas in New Hampshire and Massachusetts become unviable (Dec. 1: "Climate change could doom local ski areas").

There are also many other ways in which climate change will devastate our economy, including rising food costs, rising insurance costs, rising health care costs and national security costs.

It is imperative that skiers, tourist industry professionals, health care professionals and all who care about protecting the planet for our children call the White House (202-456-1111) and ask the president to give a series of talks to educate the public about climate change.

President Barack Obama needs to explain to the public why climate change is so dangerous, why it needs to be addressed during his second term of office, and what options he is considering to slow climate change – from ending oil and gas subsidies to stopping the Keystone pipeline and asking Congress for a tax on the carbon content of fossil fuels.

His talk also needs to reassure the public that we can slow climate change.

Speaking as a member of the Citizens Climate Lobby, a national organization of volunteers that lobbies for legislation to stabilize the climate, the problem is not insurmountable if we work together. The only thing to fear is fear itself.

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