

# Climate change proposal is strong; action must be taken

Kudos for your decision to reprint USA Today's editorial, "A serious Republican idea on climate change" (Feb. 15). This Schultz-Baker Republican proposal outlines a revenue-neutral carbon fee with all revenues distributed to the public. Maybe this idea will become our Republican Congress' preferred method of cutting emissions and addressing climate change, or maybe they'll tweak it, or adopt another alternative. But we won't know until they get to work studying and debating effective climate policy.

Readers should note that this particular Republican idea sounds like the policy favored by our new Secretary of State, Rex Tillerson (former ExxonMobil CEO). It's a fair and effective way to ease our transition from the age of old-style fossil fuel energy to the age of clean energy — without chaos or economic upheaval.

Instead of studying effective policy, Congress has wasted time making it easier to sell land from our national parks and wildlife refuges. I love our national parks — from Acadia in Maine, to the Everglades, the Grand Canyon, Petrified Forest, Sequoia, Glacier and the Statue of Liberty. I would hate for the Statue of Liberty and the Everglades' mangrove forests to succumb to rising seas, or Glacier to lose its glaciers, or the Sequoias to become a petrified forest.

And I hate hearing that our national park rangers are being censored. Our nation's core values are being challenged, and we need Congress to sort it out with sound policy.

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