

# Climate efforts

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Thank you for your editorial emphasizing how important it is to lower carbon emissions by retrofitting utility plants, and the boon to employment that will result ("[Climate Control: Obama's Clear-Air Plan Is a Major Step Forward](#)," June 30). Well done, President Obama.

If conservatives don't like the president's plans, they could show some leadership skill and spunkiness. Conservatives control Congress and they could pass legislation to fight climate change using the free market and a carbon tax instead of regulations. Such legislation would be better than regulations because it creates an economywide system to reduce emissions rather than just focusing on the coal pollution emitted by utility plants. Until House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell support serious climate change legislation, they have no right to complain about any climate change efforts the president undertakes.

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