

Letter: Congress must act on carbon

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It saddened me to read of last week's damage to the Keuka Lake area. The first time my husband and I took our kids camping and canoeing, it was 1987 in Keuka Lake State Park. With a 2-year-old, and 4-year-old, we set up camp, cooked, and enjoyed



the park's swimming beach, picnic area and boating launch for our kayak. Our boys learned to love outdoor vacations.

The Editorial Page rightly asserts we must think globally. However, it is not enough to act locally, protecting against future severe weather. We must demand congressional action, reducing emissions and slowing climate change. The best legislation to lower emissions without shocking the economy is a carbon tax (paid by fossil fuel producers), collected by the government and rebated to households.

Please urge representatives Tom Reed, Louise Slaughter and Chris Collins to co-sponsor bipartisan carbon tax legislation, like the plan proposed by former Rep. Bob Inglis (R-S.C.).

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