

Weiss: Congress must look beyond health care

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In response to Republican disappointment with the Supreme Court health care decision, Elizabeth Warren wrote “It’s time to focus on building a future.” She is correct that our nation faces many tough issues, and the future demands we create jobs, promote education and develop our infrastructure.

Most importantly, the future requires that Congress move on from healthcare quarreling and start to focus attention on climate change. We need Congress to pass legislation that will help us reduce our carbon emissions and slow down the process of climate change. Fortunately, a bill is already in Congress (H.R. 3242) that would protect the climate by adding a fee to all coal, oil and gas. In addition, the bill would rebate the proceeds to households in order to help people transition to a clean energy economy.

The development of a clean energy economy is good for the future since it creates jobs, develops a safe power infrastructure, and promotes almost every business. The only businesses that might suffer from a clean energy economy are those that pollute with carbon emissions, those that fight wildfires, and doctors who treat asthma.

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