

Face the facts

Thank you for reporting on Renee Boschert's inspiring trip to New Hampshire to discuss climate change and recent deadly floods with Sen. Cruz. You described Cruz's responses to Boschert, but didn't highlight his errors.

Cruz says: Climate change is a political ploy by liberal scientists and politicians. If so, then why does Exxon admit its fuels cause climate change and want government legislation to cut emissions?

Exxon meets with members of Congress to discuss the climate legislation that it wants Congress to enact. Why does Cruz deny climate change rather than heed Exxon's expert advice?

Cruz says he's the son of two scientists — a mathematician and a computer programmer. Neither of his parents are trained researchers nor scientists.

Undergraduate mathematics classes or computer classes are only the first step to becoming a professional research mathematician or scientist. It would be like saying that someone who studied biology is a medical professional.

Cruz's father is a member of the clergy, as am I. Clergy do noble work. Clergy help people face uncomfortable facts, speak truth and protect the poor, vulnerable and powerless.

It's time for Cruz to truthfully face climate change's uncomfortable facts and protect everyone by sponsoring climate legislation.

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