

Letters to the Editor, June 17

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Fighting climate change

Thank you for publishing Teresa Rosenberger's article "Climate change, the Outer Banks and cherished traditions." She worries rising seas will make Cape Hatteras uninhabitable, depriving her descendants of traditions her family developed there.

Rosenberger can start fighting climate change by contacting Rep. David Price and thanking him for praising the EPA for issuing proposed regulations to unite our nation in an effort to reduce carbon emissions and slow climate change.

However, the best way to fight climate change is via a carbon tax to be paid by fossil fuel producers and rebated to households. A carbon tax would cut emissions while boosting our economy and creating roughly 2 million jobs within 10 years. Rebates to households would offset energy price increases shielding lower and middle income families. Who says a rebated carbon tax would work such miracles? See a report released by Regional Economic Models Inc. on June 9, 2014.

Yet a carbon tax requires Congressional legislation. Individuals can fight climate change by helping to create the political will for Congress to pass climate change legislation.

I urge Teresa and her fellow students at Duke University to join the Raleigh-Durham chapter of Citizens' Climate Lobby and learn how to become effective citizen-advocates for climate stabilization.

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