

Letter: Glimmers of hope

For the Monitor

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Great editorial on waiting for a climate change political tipping point to arrive so Congress will enact national legislation to lower emissions and stabilize the climate (Monitor, Aug. 21). You rightly point to the need for Republicans to provide bipartisan support for climate change legislation. Perhaps we are approaching that political point?

Boyd Marcus, a veteran Republican political strategist who has advised Rep. Eric Cantor, announced he is leaving his consulting practice, endorsed the Democratic candidate for governor in Virginia, and will be advising him. Also, in Iowa, a Republican leader in county politics changed his political affiliation to independent, citing numerous political differences, including the fact that the national Republican Party has turned its back on science and rejects serious efforts to address climate change. When former senator Scott Brown announces his break with the Republican Party because he too wants to protect Massachusetts and New Hampshire from climate change dangers, maybe Republicans in Congress will wake up and smell the rising seas and pass climate change legislation.

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