

Great Lakes states face climate change perils, too: letter to the editor

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Your editorial "Time to stop dragging our feet" is right in asserting that, given the potential dangers, we must err on the side of caution regarding climate change. You cite one example — coastal cities threatened by sea level rise of two feet or more, but you could have mentioned that cities and properties on the Great Lakes are affected by climate change as warmer weather (especially winters when lakes fail to ice over) has led to more evaporation, lower water levels, and receding shorelines. This process will have expensive ramifications.

Climate change also presents dangers to the health of senior citizens, infants, and outdoor workers, and increases the risk of various diseases (for example, Lyme disease).

Though you advocated reducing emissions and stopping international finger-pointing, you didn't call readers to act. Readers must lobby their senators and representatives, demanding the most effective emissions-reducing legislation - a revenue-neutral carbon tax.

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