Harris and 'conservative environmental stewardship'

Your editorial, <u>"Climate realities sink in"</u> (Oct. 17), wisely segued from reviewing dire climate news and reminding readers about Congress' impotence, to offering readers hope. You gave hope by calling Eastern Shore residents to pay attention as Maryland's only Republican congressman, Rep. Andy Harris, continues to ignore the fact that humans are causing accelerated climate change and the rising seas that threaten the state.

However, instead of asking voters to reconsider their support for Dr. Harris in twelve months, voters can act now by urging him to cosponsor Republican Rep. Chris Gibson's resolution for "conservative environmental stewardship."

Mr. Gibson's resolution, co-sponsored by 11 Republicans, calls for affirmation that extreme weather events already affect us and urges Congress to study economically feasible policies that would offset human impacts on the climate.

How could a conservative like Dr. Harris object to studying economically feasible policies to offset damage humans are causing, especially since Citigroup just reported that tackling climate change is cheaper than ignoring it?

Dr. Harris' support of this resolution will demonstrate he's not a dismisser of climate change, he's a supporter of sound policy.

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