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Editor: Staff writer Brendan Gibbons wrote an informative recent article on climate change's impacts on the Lackawanna River, its fish and wildlife and the need to cut emissions to protect the environment and recreation. While the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan standards take a good step in the right direction, they are not nearly enough to slow climate change. These regulations ignore sectors of the economy other than electricity production. They need to be adjusted to make steeper cuts. They need a mechanism to require emissions cuts from nations that export goods to us so the world cooperates in cutting emissions.

Congressional legislation can accomplish all this, but Congress won't enact new climate change legislation unless environmentalists, parents, religious and environmental organizations, teachers, scientists, grandparents and others show Congress that we want climate legislation.

Readers should consider participating in a rally in Washington, D.C., on Sept. 24, when Pope Francis will speak to Congress. His speech will be followed by a rally, speeches, music and interfaith services.

Make the Moral Action for Climate Justice Rally so loud and strong that Congress will heed the will of the American people.

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