Weiss: Help storm victims by addressing climate change

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Thank you for Julia Spitz's moving article about the devastation Sandy wrought in the Rockaways and the inspiring ways in which people in Massachusetts are helping those in NYC who are still in need ("The needs aren't going away," Nov. 28).

There is another way people in Massachusetts can help NYC and help ourselves at the same time. We can call the White House and demand that President Obama speak about climate change. He should give a "fireside chat" about climate change explaining to the American public the serious consequences of ignoring climate change. He should make climate change the focal point of his State of the Union address, and he should call on Congress to pass significant climate change legislation in 2013. Climate change threatens our safety, our health, and our economic well-being. It trumps all other problems we face and needs to be the first problem President Obama addresses.

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