

Hot air over pollution

The Herald editorial deriding President Obama's climate change regulations isn't supported by the facts ("White House 'winds'," Aug. 4). Obama isn't "single-handedly" trying to stay the rise of the oceans over the objections of the real American people. Rather polls of voters indicate the vast majority support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency plan.

In fact, a recent poll of likely Republican primary voters in New Hampshire found half support strict emissions limits on power plants, in particular coal, against 42 percent opposed.

Interestingly, although the U.S. Chamber of Commerce denounced the EPA plan, local chambers of commerce across the country are supporting it because it will generate economic opportunities for local businesses, while energy efficiencies save consumers money. The national Chamber receives heavy support from fossil fuel producers, but local chambers care more about local small businesses that will thrive as we cut emissions.

Ex-New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg noted that, already, "the coal industry has been in a steady decline for a decade." What this has meant, he said, is "a healthier country with more jobs — and at no extra cost to consumers."

— Judy Weiss, Brookline

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