

Ignoring climate change more expensive than tackling it

Bob Hren's column on climate change truths ignored obvious truths. In May of 2015, major oil and gas companies acknowledged global warming is real due to fossil fuels and urged nations to enact carbon taxes. This fact refutes Hren's first four assertions. This month Bloomberg Business reported that, of the top emitting nations, only Canada and Russia submitted inadequate emissions plans. Also, of nations that submitted plans, only China and the EU have policies in place to ensure reaching goals. This fact refutes Hren's fifth assertion.

In August of 2015, Citigroup published research arguing that ignoring climate change is more expensive than tackling it. And The National Advisory Council of Chambers for Innovation and Clean Energy, a group of 400 local chambers, praised the economic opportunities that efficiency and renewables programs offer local communities.

A schism developed between the National Chamber of Commerce and smaller local chambers because the National Chamber receives huge donations from fossil fuel lobbies, but local chambers are interested in developing local opportunities — which efficiency programs and renewables do.

Readers should call Rep. Doug LaMalfa, urging him to sponsor national carbon tax legislation which would serve Californians better than purely Californian emissions restrictions, and even the very best EPA regulations.

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