

Insist on carbon-free legislation

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Thank you for Kate Galbraith's July 19 article "Climate change: A rough road lies ahead as California struggles to meet its greenhouse gas emission goals," which recounted arguments for and against California's governors' valiant efforts to lead the USA and world governments to cut emissions and slow climate change. I have one quibble and one suggestion. My quibble: Galbraith cited the opinion of Western States Petroleum Association without mentioning that WSPA has been outed by Bloomberg Business as part of an oil industry conspiracy to derail climate legislation (see tinyurl.com/WSPAclimate).

My suggestion: critics complain that California has done too much, bringing hardship to residents and local businesses. That blame doesn't rest with California's governors nor state legislature, but with California's Congressional delegation: if your Republican Representatives would study climate change's facts and stand together against national conservative political and fossil fuel pressure, they could introduce national climate change legislation. National legislation would help Californians and local businesses by leveling the playing field. If a national carbon emissions fee were paid by fossil fuel producers and rebated to the public, the burden on Californian households would be lessened.

Readers should contact Rep. Kevin McCarthy and insist he introduce carbon fee legislation with dividends to all households. His bill will have support from east coast Republicans and Democrats nationwide.

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