

Katko should join climate change fight

Thank you for publishing Stefan Lutter's clear article on a couple of basic climate change terms. He hopes to improve public understanding of climate change by removing some points of confusion. However, the best way to help the public is to calm despair in the face of an enormous problem and offer a clear, easy course of action that will allow everyone to help.

Readers can join Citizens' Climate Lobby's local chapter and learn how to help educate Rep. John Katko about the urgency of anthropogenic global warming and the efficacy of a revenue-neutral carbon fee. As a new congressman, odds are that Katko doesn't know about an economic study of CCL's carbon fee and dividend proposal. The study was done by Regional Economic Models Inc (REMI) and Katko will love it. REMI concluded that a carbon fee paid by fossil fuel producers and rebated fully to the public is good economic policy and will lower emissions, save lives, improve health while spurring our economy and creating millions more American jobs than the Keystone XL pipeline could ever create.

Katko will also love CCL's proposals because it's a market-based answer to the climate change effects already experienced in upstate New York, specifically extreme storms leading to devastating floods.

Imagine a new congressman sponsoring legislation to solve a problem that plagues his district while providing a steady stream of rebates to his constituents. It'll be one for the history books!

Congressman Katko, are you ready to make history? My representative, Joseph Kennedy III, is a member of the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce, and he would be delighted to co-sponsor climate legislation with you.

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