

Kids and climate change

I absolutely agree with Hal Boyd's opinion article. As we cut emissions, transition to greener living and fight climate change, people still need to live their lives. It's absurd that anyone would suggest a climate change plan based on the idea that ordinary people would suppress life's most basic longing — having a family.

With one caveat: Everyone who had children before the age of climate change was expected to feed, clothe and provide basic life-sustaining care for their children. If not, society would intervene to protect the children.

How much the more so during the age of unchecked climate change! Today, it's implicit that anyone who exercises their freedom to have children also takes on the responsibility to fight climate change for the sake of their children's health and well-being.

Moreover, raising climate change-aware children adds energy to the fight. Nationwide, children are suing the federal government (or the states) for not protecting them from climate change dangers. Some suits are based on constitutional protections (*Juliana v. U.S.*); others are based on state law (Washington state lawsuits, and *Kain v. MassDEP*).

What should parents and grandparents do? Call or visit Congressman Chris Stewart's office urging him to join the Climate Solutions Caucus. Twenty-four Republicans have joined, including Rep. Mia Love. Stewart has a responsibility to his kids, and to all kids, to join the caucus to learn about sensible solutions. He will, if constituents make enough fuss. Bring the kids.

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