

Make Congress act

To the editor,

I loved Sally Bethea's Keith-Richards-inspired introduction to her [climate change article](#), which discussed local actions to cut emissions and hopes for international progress in Paris.

Humorless climate writing, with just dire facts of extreme weather events and potential disaster, would trigger readers to have their "19th Nervous Breakdown."

Yet, Bethea's column had a seriously sad tone because she never once mentioned the U.S. Congress. Congress is arguably the world's most powerful institution, with the ability to address climate change. Until Congress enacts climate legislation, we'll get no "satisfaction."

However, your readers can give Congress the will to enact market-based carbon pricing legislation, shield the public from energy price increases, and ensure the rest of the world works with us to lower emissions.

No need to "sit and watch, as tears go by." Contact Citizens' Climate Lobby to find out how to get your senators to join Sen. Kelly Ayotte (R-N.H.) and a group of Republican senators talking "about ways to build support for protecting the environment and climate and promoting cleaner energy production while also helping the economy."

As the Rolling Stones said: "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometime, you find, you get what you need." If we all try together, we'll get the climate legislation that we need from Congress.

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