

Market solutions are way to deal with climate

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Kudos to Iowa's state and local governments and agencies for working to lower Iowa's greenhouse gas emissions. [The national climate change assessment report emphasized how vulnerable Iowa is to climate change's serious effects.](#)

However, if Iowa's residents, newspapers and politicians do not energetically call on Congress to pass national climate change legislation that charges polluters for the harm they cause to Iowa and the rest of the world, then your local efforts will be insufficient to protect you. We in New England share your climate change concerns because the report warns that the Northeast will experience many of the most dire consequences of climate change.

I hope readers urge Sens. Chuck Grassley and Tom Harkin to co-sponsor a market-based solution to climate change. They would undoubtedly find strong support from New England senators like Susan Collins, R-Maine, who sponsored carbon pricing legislation in 2010 and Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., who has been touring the country talking about the need to price carbon.

Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., is a pragmatic politician who helped resolve the federal budget dispute. She would certainly prefer a market-based system to protect her constituents from climate change rather than continued congressional inaction and clunky EPA regulations.

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