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Thank you for reporting on the new technology that allows scientists to forecast how climate change will affect a specific area. Louisville is already experiencing warmer weather than other cities in its region and the model shows it will suffer even more in the future.

This is a valuable tool to guide city planners to make Louisville more resilient in the face of climate change heat and severe weather.

However, these efforts are not enough. It is essential for residents of Louisville to lobby Rep. John Yarmuth and Senators Mitch McConnell and Rand Paul to support bipartisan carbon tax legislation.

A national carbon tax is the most efficient and effective way to reduce emissions, encourage private investment in renewable energy and slow climate change. The tax (paid by energy companies on their products) should be rebated to households to prevent the tax from being regressive and to prevent it from slowing down the economy.

Congress has wasted too much time denying climate change. Now they must get to work crafting carbon tax legislation to stabilize the climate.

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