

# National climate policies a benefit for everyone

Thank you for [Brian Nearing](#)'s article ("Business says no to climate bill," June 9) about a local business group using distorted language to oppose a New York climate change bill that some local residents and businesses may have been scared.

What's the point of extreme rhetoric that frightens people? Isn't climate change scary enough? I hope residents were reassured by calming voices insisting that proposed legislation only deals with specific emissions, and "We are not talking about ending the use of farm tractors."

Ironically, the [Chicago Sun](#) recently published a commentary by [Jim Owens](#), former CEO and chairman of Caterpillar, maker of heavy equipment, including farm tractors, in which Owens announced he has just joined the Risky Business Project, led by former Secretary of the Treasury [Hank Paulson](#), former New York Mayor [Mike Bloomberg](#) and hedge fund manager and environmentalist [Tom Steyer](#). Owens asked other business leaders to join him because climate change presents a big threat to businesses in the Midwest.

I hope local residents urge local businesses to contact Congress in support of national legislation to cut emissions. National policies will help everyone and it will prevent people worrying about businesses moving out of state.

Contact the [Citizens'](#) Climate Lobby for more information about best policy options.

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