

Letters To The Editor

Obama Should Weigh In On Climate Change

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Thank you for Sunday's excellent Opinion article calling on President Obama to teach the American public about the need to tackle climate change with even more vigor than our fiscal concerns.

The article should have asked your readers to call the White House (202-456-1111) or write an email to the President (www.whitehouse.gov/contact/submit-questions-and-comments).

I believe the president needs to give a series of "fireside chats" to help Americans understand the seriousness of climate change and the reasons why he is considering various options for action (blocking the Keystone pipeline, taxing the carbon content of fuel, supporting wind tax credits, ending oil and gas subsidies).

One speech from the Oval Office would start the process of educating the public, but a series talks would do even more to reassure people that we can solve this scary problem. Perhaps he could give one "chat" per week from now until the State of the Union address. It would go a long way toward kicking off his second term.

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