

Op-ed left out important things

Boaz Witbeck's op-ed "Let's keep up the fight for affordable and reliable energy" didn't say a bunch of important things. He didn't say that his organization AFP is a fossil fuel lobbying business.

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He cited an NERA study that says EPA regulations would increase utility rates and cut jobs, but didn't mention that EPA regs allow Arizona to choose an emissions-reduction system that promotes jobs and cuts rates.

In New England, our emissions program has created tens of thousands of jobs, grown our economy, and cut average electricity prices. Arizona could do the same, or even better.

Better? Yes. Mr. Witbeck didn't mention that NERA was founded by a respected conservative economist, Irwin Stelzer, who writes regularly about a national carbon tax being good for job growth, economic growth and energy production. Stelzer says that conservative politicians should support carbon taxes, even if they don't care about emissions, because it's good economics and good tax policy.

Your very successful solar industry is struggling under attacks from fossil fuel tycoons and AFP lobbyists. These attacks cost you jobs and hurt your economy and your health.

Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake could sponsor Stelzer's proposed carbon tax, use proceeds to help communities dependent on coal to transition without economic hardship.

Voters must tell McCain and Flake that this year, environment, energy and ending emissions are their number one voting issue. Please listen to Stelzer, and only vote for candidates who promise to enact market-based carbon pricing to cut emissions.

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