

Positive aspects of clean energy

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Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article “Paris carbon reduction agreement” by Drs. Robert and Sonia Vogl. They emphasize disagreements over the EPA’s Clean Power Plan and end with a very disheartening message: “The effort to reduce carbon emissions will continue to spur controversy. It will also impact the rate at which energy efficiency and renewable energy will be implemented. Individuals and communities can reduce their carbon emissions by using these resources.”

How about emphasizing hope and renewed chances for cooperative effort during this season of peace and goodwill to all?

Bloomberg News reported recently that Exxon and Sierra Club met secretly during 2009 to formulate a carbon emissions reduction plan that Congress could enact. Politics interfered with their proposal moving forward.

Readers should urge Senators Mark Kirk and Richard Durbin to cosponsor the Exxon-Sierra Club carbon pricing plan. If Exxon and Sierra Club can agree on climate policy, then Republicans and Democrats can too.

You know Isaiah 11: “The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.” It’s time for our leaders to hang up their swords and spears (Isaiah 2), and cooperate on legislation that will allow us to live together peacefully. And it’ll only happen when we each, with child-like innocence push, prod and lead them to enact carbon pricing legislation.

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