

Weiss letter: Reader: 'Ralph Garrett is right'

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Dear Editor,

I applaud your decision to publish the open letter to President Obama from Ralph Garrett (and 38 concerned citizens) detailing reasons why the Keystone XL pipeline should not be built. I urge your readers to investigate Citizens' Climate Lobby, an organization of volunteers lobbying Congress for national legislation to stabilize the climate.

Our proposal is for a conservative national carbon tax to be paid by fossil fuel producers and rebated to households to protect consumers from price increases. A carbon tax will make tar sands oil unprofitable and Canada will no longer seek to pipe their crude oil into the U.S.

Instead, a U.S. carbon tax will motivate private investors to funnel investments into new clean energy businesses, leading to economic growth and a boom in jobs. Ralph Garret is right. We must not help Canada exploit their tar sands oil, it must be left in the ground. Instead, we must lead the world in innovating, developing and exporting clean energy opportunities. Thank you.

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