

LETTERS: Readers discuss climate change, Keystone XL pipeline and property values

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Worth the risk?

Excellent April 20 column by Steve Boggs on climate change extremes. The only thing he didn't say is: insurance. If the extreme deniers are right and we don't take adequate action, no problem. But if extreme climate change worriers are right and we don't take adequate action, we'll have big problems very soon.

What to do? We know from the history of the past 50 years that congressional legislation can fix severe air pollution and chronic water pollution. Moreover, Ronald Reagan was able to fix the ozone by negotiating the Montreal Protocol (which was effectively a cap-and-trade policy for CFC emissions). The ozone was successfully protected by Reagan's efforts saving everyone from a skin cancer epidemic.

Later, George H.W. Bush supported a cap-and-trade policy that successfully fought sulfur emissions that caused acid rain (protecting us from heart and lung disease).

It is time to call on Congress to again formulate legislation to protect our environment from harmful emissions. Readers should urge senators and representatives to support climate change legislation as insurance in case climate change worriers are right. The worst thing to happen if the worriers are wrong is we'll have less asthma, less lung disease, less cancer and less smog.

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