

# Responsibility To Fight Climate Change

## Letter to the editor

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The Rev. Erica Wimber Avena's thoughtful essay says climate change is a factual matter, not a belief [Sept. 3, op-ed, "You Can't 'Believe' In Climate Change"]. True. Religions help us respond with hope, not despair, with forgiveness for those slower to grasp climate change facts, and by choosing life so we and our descendants may live (Deut. 30:19).

Religions push adherents to admit failings instead of blaming others. The Rev. Avena says most readers have changed lightbulbs, bought reusable bags and recycle, so it's time to fight "injustice and corporate greed." Yet, these are scapegoats.

To beat climate change, we must recognize everything we do causes emissions. We must push society to curb fossil fuel use, or we remain the problem.

If we don't go to New York City on Sept. 21 for the People's Climate March, then we are as greedy with our time as any corporation is with money. We are the problem until we spend our time lobbying Congress for legislation.

The best answer to climate change is a carbon tax. I urge readers to learn why former Republican EPA directors and treasury secretaries, along with many economists, say a carbon tax is the best answer.

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