

## Roberts wrong

If you want to know the effect that carbon taxes will have on the economy, Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan., is not the person to read (“Carbon tax would hurt fragile economy,” Sept. 9 Opinion). Instead, consult the opinion of global investors surveyed by a Bloomberg poll. Nearly half of investors surveyed said that climate-change actions such as a carbon tax will not hurt and might even help corporate profits.

A carbon tax will spur further investment in new businesses. In Massachusetts this year we experienced an 11.2 percent job-growth rate in clean-energy sectors (compared with only about a 1 percent job-growth rate overall). Job growth and economic stability are essential for individuals.

Politicians, economists, scientists and legal scholars from liberal, centrist and conservative camps agree that a carbon tax is the fairest, most efficient way to stop climate change. Furthermore, by a large majority, the American public supports a carbon tax with rebate.

The objections Roberts raised were meant only to scare readers. If he were serious about fixing climate change, he would welcome debate of several carbon-tax bills in committee in Congress. Perhaps details could be hashed out to everyone’s satisfaction. What does he have to lose? He could always vote against it.

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