

# State leaders fail to address climate

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Iowa got [C+ on climate change readiness](#) [Nov. 18]. Not terrible. How does a state prepare for problems that will worsen if atmospheric pollution continues? State leaders must work to stop atmospheric pollution, and then address adaptive measures — there's little point investing in adaptation if pollution continues unabated.

Iowa deserves different grades for different subjects: Iowa gets A for not suing to stop EPA power plant regulations, but an F because Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst co-sponsored a purely symbolic, time-wasting resolution to kill EPA power plant regulations without offering alternative plans. If they hate EPA regulations, they should introduce a Republican carbon emissions plan. They could join four Senate Republicans who formed an Energy and Environment Working group to study alternative climate change solutions. But not offering an alternative is like a kid not handing in homework.

Iowa gets an A for its renewable energy development, but an F because Republican Reps. Rod Blum, David Young and Steve King failed to join 12 fellow Republicans who signed Rep. Chris Gibson's resolution supporting "conservative environmental stewardship" and seeking economically viable climate solutions.

Please tutor your inattentive congressional delegation on emissions legislation, so Iowa can study and implement effective adaptive measures full-time.

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