

## **Support efforts on climate change**

Regarding the article by Shirley Knop, Mona Perrotti and Sandy Scofield on the People's Climate March, I loved reading about their experiences marching in NYC. They do an important job urging people to avoid despair in the face of the global crisis, and to work in their communities, businesses and municipalities ramping up conservation, developing renewable energy and building a green economy.

Wise words.

But it's not enough to work locally for the environment. We must also work nationally and internationally. Regular people can move mountains on a national and international problem by lobbying their members of Congress for legislation.

In the case of climate change, we need Congress to charge polluters for the harm their pollution is doing to the environment. A pollution fee will motivate everyone to find cleaner ways of heating, illuminating, and traveling.

I urge citizens to ask their senators and representatives to enact a law charging a national fee for carbon pollution, with the revenue rebated to the public.

I urge voters to make climate change their number one issue in the upcoming election: please only vote for candidates who acknowledge the urgency of climate change and who will support national carbon fee legislation.

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