

Warming climate moving faster than expected

I loved the [July 31](#) editorial on confirmation bias leading us to accept only climate information that reinforces ideas we get from thought leaders. There's another factor. Our lives are busy by extinguishing career fires, and keeping family emergencies from flooding us. Thought leaders warn us about warming but we're running on empty.

Until recently, I juggled school, work and my parents' health. My scientist husband fumed about warming. I heard, but couldn't listen. I had to assume Congress was tending to it. When life calmed down, I realized Congress wasn't behaving responsibly, so I joined the Citizens' Climate Lobby and I am now a thought leader for friends.

This weekend, I told a friend about James Hansen's recent research suggesting warming progressed faster than expected; Hansen expects 10 feet of sea rise within 50 years, making many coastal cities from Boston to Miami uninhabitable. Her response: "we will just have to spend billions protecting coastal cities." Her answer is understandable: her parents' health crises prevent her from imagining superstorms, unendurable heat and oceanic impacts affecting her children's future.

Please join Citizens' Climate Lobby for a supportive community lobbying Congress for effective, affordable legislation.

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