

What are Hoosier leaders doing about climate change?

Lu Ann Franklin's "Preparing Hoosiers for predicted climate change" article in The Times identified climatic changes residents can expect by 2050: more weeks per year over 95 degrees, summer droughts, more extreme weather (wind, tornado, heavy rains), more dangerous diseases from ticks, mosquitoes and other insects, water contamination and heat-related deaths.

This news is scary — even scarier than ISIS because we can't close borders to mosquitoes, tornadoes, storms or heat. We can blame Assad for ISIS. But regarding climate change, we feel profound guilt for our continuing emissions that worsen the situation.

Are Gov. Mike Pence, Sens. Dan Coats and Joe Donnelly and Rep. Pete Visclosky doing anything to take effective, protective actions and help constituents feel calmer?

Denying and ignoring climate change doesn't calm fears. It leads people to misdirect their fears at other targets, creating hysteria and intensifying unchecked climate risks.

Contact Citizens' Climate Lobby for information about economically sensible policies to protect your family.

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