

Zero emissions

I enjoyed The Forecaster's [Sept. 10 article](#) about the Cozy Acres zero-emissions greenhouses in North Yarmouth. Jeffrey Marstaller estimates that his new greenhouse with a geothermal system and solar panels will save his business more than \$13,000 per year. Imagine how much his business would save if fossil fuels were priced to include their externalities (the costs that society pays to deal with the damage caused by emissions, which users currently emit for free).

If Congress would pass a revenue-neutral carbon tax to force polluters to pay for the damage their pollution causes, then more people and businesses would be motivated to invest in renewable energy. Private investors would rush to fund new clean energy businesses, and with border adjustments for the tax, other countries would feel compelled to enact a similar carbon pricing system. Once a carbon tax is in place, Marstaller will know the true value of his wonderful zero emissions greenhouse.

Please write an editorial endorsing a revenue-neutral carbon tax and please ask Sens. Susan Collins and Angus King to co-sponsor it.

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