

## **ACTION**

### **Write letters to the editor about COP17**

The U.N. climate conference in Durban, South Africa, concluded on Dec. 11 with a [global agreement](#) on a future treaty among all nations to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This presents an excellent opportunity to publish letters to the editor in newspapers responding to coverage – news articles, editorials, columns, opeds – of COP17.

**Action:** Following the guidelines of your local newspaper for word length and contact information, write a letter that:

- Opens by referencing an editorial, news story or commentary about the climate conference in Durban.
- Cites a recent report that points to the urgency for action on climate change – record increase in CO2 emissions, IPCC linking extreme weather and climate change, short time remaining to start cutting emissions before climate change is irreversible.
- Points out the need for a policy that puts a price on carbon and returns revenue to the public, like the [Save Our Climate Act \(H.R. 3242\)](#).
- Mentions something you like about the bill – simple and transparent; clear price signal for investors to move to clean energy; market-based solution; returns revenue to households; protects U.S. businesses with border adjustments, encourages other nations to adopt similar pricing mechanism.
- Thanks your representative publicly if they are co-sponsored (see below) H.R. 3242 or asks that they become a co-sponsor.

If your letter gets published, be sure to send copy to members of your state's congressional delegation.

Share with CCL HQ and with your local CCL community and social networks.

Co-sponsors of Rep. Pete Stark's Save Our Climate Act:

Rep Blumenauer, Earl [OR-3]  
Rep Filner, Bob [CA-51]  
Rep Grijalva, Raul M. [AZ-7]  
Rep Hastings, Alcee L. [FL-23]  
Rep Holt, Rush D. [NJ-12]  
Rep Honda, Michael M. [CA-15]  
Rep McDermott, Jim [WA-7]  
Rep Moran, James P. [VA-8]