



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR, NOV. 28, 2011

Kudos to Huntsman on climate change

I was happy to see columnist Steve Chapman's recent endorsement of Jon Huntsman as the best Republican running for president. Huntsman stands out as the only candidate who acknowledges that global warming is taking place.

With carbon emissions growing faster in 2010 than even the worst case scenario outlined by climate scientists, the problem of climate change needs to be faced and addressed now.

Although Republicans in Congress refuse to move ahead on climate legislation, many conservatives outside of Congress recognize that a fee on carbon emissions paid by fossil fuel companies is the best way to lower our carbon emissions.

When the fee is combined with a full rebate of the revenues to the

American people, the system is revenue neutral and does not add to government bureaucracy. It also encourages entrepreneurs to find ways to meet the resulting new demand for efficiency and renewable energy. The resulting growth of the green economy will not only slow global warming but also bring new jobs and life to our economy.

Legislation along these lines has been introduced in the U.S. House in the Save Our Climate Act (H.R. 3242). Climate change threatens us all, regardless of political party. Everyone should insist that politicians make solving this problem one of their highest priorities. I hope Huntsman moves up in the polls.

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