

Christine: “Let’s be brave enough to be the light our Earth needs”

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 *Latest in a series on Bethlehem’s Climate Action Plan* 

Gadfly takes note of the *Morning Call* voices of followers Fox and Christine urging us to pursue solutions to the problems associated with climate change and reminding him that the **Bethlehem Climate Action Plan** is on the verge of rolling out.

By the way, did you see the climate change **interview with Bill Gates** on *60 Minutes* last night? Very provocative.

Support local green initiatives

I agree with Becky Bradley and statements made in her article entitled “Going green’ is an investment in our economy” (*The Morning Call*, Feb. 4). The connection she makes between spending money on green initiatives and growing the economy while building a cleaner/healthier Lehigh Valley make sense.

I use similar logic when I choose to buy local organic food products. It costs more, but the bene-

***Becky Bradley, “Going Green is an investment in our economy.”
Morning Call, February 4, 2021.***

fits are numerous. I support the local food economy and local farmers, I feel healthier today than I did five years ago, and I contribute to making a healthier planet for my children and community.

The Future LV: The Regional Plan makes recommendations to our local municipalities for green initiatives, just as Bethlehem's Climate Action Plan will. But there's one thing we need to make progress in these plans.

We, the residents, must back these up by supporting our elected officials as they put money behind those green initiatives. I also encourage you to support H.R. 763 – Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, which will encourage companies to switch to lower carbon-emitting methods, give money to our citizens on a monthly basis to help them pay for any cost increases and enable them to pursue their own green initiative projects.

Kathy Fox
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Let poem inspire you to help the Earth

We're all familiar with Amanda Gorman's inaugural poem in which she implores us to be brave enough to be the light. Ms. Gorman made history

Amanda Gorman, "Earthrise"

again by reciting a new poem at the Super Bowl. She suggested we act with courage and compassion to do what is right and just.

I urge Sens. Casey and Toomey to have the courage and compassion to act on climate change. There are many legislative solutions that will quickly reduce our carbon emissions and curb the worst effects of climate change without damaging the economy. One solution is to place a steadily increasing fee on fossil fuels at the source and return all revenue to households in a monthly dividend payment.

I urge Pennsylvanians to shine light on the problems and solutions of climate change. Talk to your colleagues, friends and family about the growth of green energy jobs, increased availability of renewable sources of electricity and the promising future of electric vehicles.

Let's be brave enough to be the light our Earth needs. In Ms. Gorman's poem "Earthrise," she urges all of us "To make it your mission to conserve, to protect, to preserve that one and only home," our Earth.

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