

Letter: Send letters to Congress

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On April 13, Bill McKibben spoke at Washington State University about the importance of civic activism. After his talk, my question was how we could get structural changes in society to reduce CO2 emissions. His answer: Write your social leaders. I presented a pile of stamped envelopes for people to use to follow Bill's just-given suggestion that we write our social leaders. As a member of Citizens' Climate Lobby, I am giving these away to those who will commit to writing our U.S. senators about the human-caused climate change crisis. I also handed out several hundred mini-fliers with the URLs for a selection of educational YouTube videos about climate change on them.

At our Citizens' Climate Lobby table during Hemp Festival on Saturday, a couple of hundred people committed to writing our U.S. senators about enacting legislation to reduce greenhouse gases. I gave them stamped envelopes. We even made a speech on stage about our duty to understand climate change and ask that society stop causing it.

In our political system these days, there are topics that the political parties don't talk about because they are controlled by powerful political lobbies. These are precisely the topics that we need to discuss as democratic citizens in our communities. It takes about a year and a half of 2,000 people per congressional district asking every single month for an issue that most people think is right in order to get attention. We ask people to please join with us in writing for actual legislation that will reduce greenhouse gases. I will give stamped envelopes and stationery to anyone to get started if they call me at (208) 874-3609. School classes, clubs, churches . We need 2,000 people at least. I will help them.

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