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## **Letter: Future cost of climate change is \$369 trillion**

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I'd like to thank Patty Bracey of the Citizens Climate Lobby for her letter disagreeing with a previous letter from professional climate "skeptic" (formerly climate "denier"), Tom Harris. He advocates that we do nothing about climate change but "adapt." How nonsensical can you get? (Future cost of climate change: \$369 trillion, according to Nature, the world's most highly-cited peer-reviewed science journal.)

This bailing-out-a-sinking-boat approach to climate change is the fossil fuel industry's latest talking point. It's clandestinely funded by Peabody Coal, and other fossil fuel mega-corporations and promoted through their paid spokespeople like Tom Harris.

Harris is a "co-sponsor" of the fossil fuel front, The Heartland Institute. Their co-sponsors/shills have received over \$67 million from ExxonMobil, the Koch Brothers. Heartland used to be in the business of denying that smoking causes lung cancer back when Big Tobacco was funding them (The DeSmog Blog, one of Time's Top Ten Blogs).

Fossil fuel mega-corporations have secretly spent hundreds of millions on climate change denial for decades (Scientific American). They spread doubt about climate science through 163 fronts and "think tanks" like The Cato Institute, Americans for Prosperity, The American Enterprise Institute, The Heritage Foundation etc. ([usc.usa.org](http://usc.usa.org) "Global Warming Skeptic Organizations").

The other big lie that fossil fuels fund is that clean energy is a job killer that will "destroy the economy." Their bought-and-paid for politicians parrot the same claims.

The revenue-neutral carbon fee the Citizens Climate Lobby is supporting won't cost consumers or taxpayers anything. It will create millions of U.S. jobs, increase our GDP by \$75-\$80 billion (REMI), save over 200,000 American lives now lost annually to carbon pollution and prevent the \$250 billion a year in economic damage that this causes (Nature). It will also save Americans over \$866.5 billion annually in medical bills for carbon-caused illnesses (Forbes).