



Letter: Rising sea levels and insurance premiums?

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I couldn't let Marcia Lemberger's letter about "carbon in the atmosphere" go without comment. First, I see no connection between the recent frequency of hail/wind storms in our area and her rambling dialogue regarding the ice melting and "washing Florida away."

I would like to inject a quote from Paul Knappenberger's , assistant director of the Center for the Study of Science at the Cato Institute: "The emissions reductions under any sort of carbon tax will be realized slowly, reducing the magnitude of the global temperature rise that the tax would avert. For example, a carbon tax designed to smoothly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions from their current level to zero by the year 2100 would result in only about 0.1°C of global temperature 'savings' — an amount, on its own, not worth pursuing."

Now I ask you, is that worth losing more than 30,000 manufacturing jobs in Wisconsin and surrounding states, shutting down coal mines in Pennsylvania and Virginia, causing destructive unemployment and having our electricity costs (not homeowners insurance) "necessarily skyrocket?"

I have a "tin foil hat" theory about insurance premiums. How about insurance companies allowing roof replacement for marginal damage so that when renewal time came around in the area, they could raise premiums? Makes about as much sense as global warming.

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