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#### Latest Commentary and LTE's:

**02/02:** [Climate: US Can't Afford to Wait This One Out](#), by Linda Cohan in the TNT. Reprint, p. 2.

**02/10:** [Climate: Threat Posed by China Can't be Ignored](#), by Chuck Jensen in the TNT. Reprint, p. 2.

#### CCL News and Events

- [Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act](#) : We're waiting to have it reintroduced in the 117<sup>th</sup> congress. It had **86** cosponsors in the 116<sup>th</sup> congress. Watch this [Janet Yellen, Treasury Secretary](#), video to hear her plans on carbon pricing.
- **March 22 – 26:** March lobby days where small groups will lobby their representatives. Each representative in WA has a primary liaison who gathers a team and sets up a meeting. If you're interested contact [Chuck Jensen](#) or [Elly Claus-McGahan](#) and we'll help get you connected.

#### Some Member Activities

- **Membership:** 567. Outreach efforts, contact [Sue and Ray Lepore](#). Call new members, have a fun conversations, make a new connection.
- **Media:** [John Doherty's Climate Talk](#) and *Climate Minutes* are now on two radio stations. Find fascinating interviews, state climate legislation discussed, and other climate news. Check it out on the [Climate Talk](#) page on [our website](#).
- **CCL Tacoma Facebook** : Stay informed and up to date on a variety of events and topics. Check out videos from famous people and climate poetry from Amanda Gorman. Contact [Ginny Lohr](#) to help out.
- **CCL Tacoma Meteorology subcommittee:** Outreach to meteorologists we see on our TVs encouraging climate change stories. Contact [Barbara Menne](#).
- **CCL Tacoma TPC Chamber subcommittee:** Outreach to the Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. Contact [Elly Claus-McGahan](#).
- **Monthly Calling Campaign:** Be a 5 minute climate activist and call your Representative! Sign up is easy, just [click here](#). Reminder and script provided, call after hours if you wish. Contact [Elly](#) FMI.
- **Our website:** kudos to [Ray Lepore](#). Read, learn, get hooked. Join the effort.

#### CCL Tacoma next meeting: Wed. Feb. 24, 6:30 – 8:30.

Zoom Invitation in the emailed agenda.

Speaker: Climate Psychologist [Leslie Davenport](#) joins us to explore climate grief. We'll have smaller conversations in breakout rooms to process.

#### Partial Recap of our January meeting

- 20 people joined in on Zoom from Tacoma, Port Orchard and Federal Way.
- **Ben Jones**, from Climate Solutions, was our speaker on [HB 1091 – The Clean Fuel Standard](#). CA, OR and British Columbia all have Clean Fuel Standards. They've all seen emissions go down, gas prices have not gone up in any way you can attribute to the standard versus normal fluctuation, and it produces credits utility companies will then use to fund clean public transit. It may help our biofuel companies that are currently exporting out of state. Result: it will improve health, increase green jobs, and encourage utilities to go clean sooner than 2045. More to read [here](#).
- Nancy described her efforts to create teams to lobby Pierce County Regional Council members to adopt a climate resolution.
- Barbara attended a CCL focus group on meteorologists to gain expertise on how to develop relationships with meteorologists and get climate stories during weather reports on TV. There's now a subcommittee working on the effort.
- John and this month's speaker, Leslie Davenport, will be teaming up on a TCC class around climate psychology.
- James Morgese has recently joined us and has video expertise. He ran the PBS affiliate in Salt Lake City, UT, before coming here. He is volunteering to create local climate videos for our website to help raise awareness. If this is a project that you want to help with, join us Wednesday 2/24 or contact [James](#) directly.
- Elly shared that the US Chamber of Commerce has expressed public support for carbon pricing, [read here](#). She suggested now might be the time to lobby the Tacoma Pierce County Chamber of Commerce. Subcommittee is doing its homework to get ready.
- Sue shared bookclub still meets first Wednesday of the month at 12, March 3 book is: [The Ministry for the Future](#) by Kim Stanley Robinson

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**Tacoma News Tribune LTE Reprint from February 2, 2021**

Climate: The US Can't Afford to Wait This One Out  
By Linda Cohan

Re: "Kerry: US to make up for lost action on climate issues," (TNT, 1/26).

This article points out that governments around the world are waking up, not only the national security threat that climate poses ("...hundreds of millions of climate refugees in Africa by the middle of the century,") but also to the economic threat stated in the U.N. Report.

It notes that adaptation costs in developing countries will rise from \$70 billion annually today to \$280 to \$500 billion in 2050.

As Congress debates large COVID-19 and economic relief spending bills, now is the time to persuade your congressional representatives to act quickly and boldly on legislation that also addresses the mitigation and adaptation of climate change.

Tell them you want legislation that reduces greenhouse gas emissions dramatically in this decade to avoid the worst and potentially irreversible effects of extreme weather and the crippling costs of repairing the damage after the fact.

**Tacoma News Tribune LTE Reprint from February 10, 2021.**

Climate: Threat Posed by China Can't be Ignored  
By Chuck Jensen

Re: "Climate ambitions could shift America's global footprint," (TNT, 1/28).

President Biden's new Climate Envoy John Kerry is correct in stating that China's pledge to be carbon neutral by 2060 is "not good enough."

When the signers of the Paris Accord agreed to reduce emissions, China pledged only to "peak" emissions by 2030. Twenty years ago, China's emissions were 13.6% of the world's total. Last year they were 29%, twice as much as the second place US at 14%.

In 2020, China had more than 180 coal-fired electrical plants under construction. Another 170 were being built in countries such as Turkey, Vietnam, Indonesia and Egypt, many by Chinese engineers financed through the country's Belt and Road program.

In spite of the Paris pledge's attempt to hold global temperature rise to a maximum of 2 degrees Celsius, scientists now project an increase of 2.6 to 3.0 degrees by 2100.