Action on Climate and Energy: Beyond Partisan Talking Points

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With aggressive calls for a “Green New Deal,” young Democrats have forced their party leaders to pay attention to climate change. Congressional Republicans are starting to pay attention, too, as evidenced by Senate Environment and Public Works Committee chair John Barrasso’s recent call for more innovation to cut carbon emissions. As David Hart writes for The Hill, now it’s time to turn talk into action: Green New Dealers need to embrace all forms of clean energy, not just renewables, and congressional Republicans must accept that government has a positive role to play in reshaping energy markets.

The vast majority of Americans in both political parties support an aggressive federal program that uses a wide array of policy tools to make clean energy affordable. It’s time for action in Congress that moves beyond partisan talking points and gives them what they want.