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## LETTER TO EDITOR: Don't paralyze, revitalize

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Regarding "China proposes emissions costs fall on consumers" (Nation, Tuesday), this demand is outrageous and another indication that the People's Republic of China (PRC) is attempting to completely paralyze the United States. We Americans are already on the ropes, and if we agree to take responsibility for emissions generated by other countries that provide us with the goods they produce, we will be down for the count.

I do agree that all people in all nations need to work responsibly toward the conservation of resources, energy efficiency and preserving the environment. However, these goals will not be achieved through capitulation to the demands of so-called "developing nations."

Perhaps this article will serve as a wake-up call for the citizens of the United States to recognize the extent to which our nation has become dependent on the countries to which we have outsourced much of our manufacturing. It has cost us millions of well-paying domestic jobs. This is the root cause of the economic depression that we are now experiencing.

We need to bring industry back to this country so that we will actually have products to sell to the rest of the world and level the trade imbalance. The Obama administration has a tremendous opportunity to revitalize the economies of the U.S. and our North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners by investing in industry, farming, manufacturing and ultraclean energy technology.

The "stimulus package" should earmark the largest portion of funds for these sectors, along with incentive provisions for investment in and assistance for energy efficiency and pollution control.

The U.S. economic recovery has to come from the bottom up. We must put people back to work producing tangible products that the rest of the world will want and need. That is the only way to return the U.S. and our NAFTA partners to economic health.

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