

*Here is an example of a letter to the editor written by our Global Climate Change Specialist, Mark Neisler, and published on December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Lansing State Journal*

### **Advance energy bill**

Michigan recently was identified as one of the leading regions for clean tech development and jobs. We need to start investing in clean energy to capture the nearly 53,000 clean energy jobs available right here in Michigan.

With a contingent of young Michiganders attending the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, it's important that our senators move to strongly support comprehensive climate and energy legislation. Students and recent graduates are among those upon whom the brunt of the economic burden will fall the hardest, because they enter the workplace without the security of employment, and will take their skills to more prosperous states.

With the Senate now considering its own version of the historic legislation that passed the House in June, I hope Senators Debbie Stabenow and Carl Levin are listening.

It's time for the U.S. to be a world leader again, and that starts with clean energy technology jobs, right here in Michigan.

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