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## **Letter: Join Niagara Square rally to address climate change**

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The issues of climate change are real. Global temperatures are rising (July was the hottest on record), glaciers are melting, the seas are rising and our forests are burning.

The reason for these planet-endangering consequences is the burning of fossil fuels – oil, natural gas, fractured gas and coal.

All of our health is at risk. It was reported recently that air pollution kills three people per day in Mumbai, India. We are all sharing the same air. Think of the acid rains that killed our fish from the sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide mixing over the Great Lakes from Canadian and U.S. plants.

This all reminds me of the ozone layer problem we faced years ago. Scientists found we had burned a hole through this layer and the ultraviolet light coming into the atmosphere was dangerous to humanity. Hydrofluorocarbons were found to be the culprits at that time. With the help of government, they were eliminated in products such as hair spray.

At this point, 97 percent of scientists agree that global warming is produced by the burning of fossil fuels and the production of methane gas. The answer this time is turning away from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources such as solar, geothermal (another solar energy form) and wind. These are nonthreatening to the environment.

Join the Interfaith Climate Justice Community for the Climate Justice Rally at Niagara Square in Buffalo on Thursday – music and entertainment from 4 to 5 p.m. and speeches from 5 to 6 p.m.

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