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People of a certain age will probably remember the television public service announcements that featured the Native American shedding a tear at the sight of a garbage-strewn field.

That single tear carried a sobering message: We have so much to lose.

Whenever I think about those old TV spots I am reminded of how far the movement to protect the environment has come . . . and how far we still have to go. Back then we were talking about litter. Now we're talking about global climate change.

But the point is we are talking. And doing things about it. Just last year alone, the Legislature approved, and the governor signed, at least four major laws -- The Oceans Act, The Green Communities Act, The Global Warming Solutions Act and The Clean Energy Biofuels Act -- designed to protect the environment, preserve our resources and promote alternative fuels and renewable energy sources. And of course private enterprise is also stepping up to show that "green" technologies and behaviors can be economically viable, not just environmentally necessary.

Ultimately, however, the planet will not be saved just by the activities of government and free enterprise. Those agencies merely represent the collective desire of individuals. It is our individual behavior that will decide our fate.

That's why I am proud to join you in commemorating International Day of Climate Action.

So, whether it's buying carbon off-sets, leaving our cars in the garage, supporting "green" businesses, or just turning off the lights, each one of us can, and must, change our ways for the sake of our Earth and all it supports.

There's no time for tears because there's so much to save.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan Rosenberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.