

# The New York Times

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## The Next Storm: New York Prepares, but the Rest?

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Re “\$20 Billion Plan to Shore Up City as Climate Shifts” (front page, June 12):

To the Editor:

I applaud Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg for working to prepare New York City for the rising risk of extreme weather, but who’s looking out for the rest of the country? As the climate crisis builds, President Obama and other national leaders are doing disturbingly little to address the greenhouse gas pollution driving this dangerous problem.

Extreme weather threatens much of America. New York, for example, is hardly the only coastal city menaced by storm surges. These devastating walls of water could become 10 times more frequent as the world warms, according to a recent study in The Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The president could help protect all Americans from such dangers just by getting serious about wielding the Clean Air Act against heat-trapping gases. But his administration has yet even to finalize a plan for regulating greenhouse pollutants from new power plants. That must change for the sake of every community threatened by climate chaos

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