Mr. AHRENDS. Mr. President, I so much enjoyed the letter from Mr. Helms, and I believe that Mr. Stevens also enjoyed it. We both have received copies of the letter, and I believe we both would like to respond to it.

In the letter, Mr. Helms referred to the lack of concern that some people have for the environment and the issue of global warming. He stated that "it is a sad day when a person who has devoted their career to the environment is not taken seriously." I would agree with Mr. Helms on this point. It is disturbing to see the level of apathy towards environmental issues.

I believe that Mr. Stevens has the right idea on this issue. He states that "we need to take a more proactive approach to addressing environmental problems," and I agree. We need to start taking actions now to reduce our carbon footprint and protect our planet.

In conclusion, I believe that Mr. Stevens has made a valid point and that we should all do our part to protect our environment. We cannot afford to ignore this issue any longer.

I look forward to hearing the opinions of others on this important topic.