



Why we strive to communicate with the public, putting advocacy to work.

To protect Georgia's coast – including our waters, wildlife, beaches, forests, and marshlands – and to help prevent the worst consequences of Earth's overheating climate, we believe it is vital to communicate with Georgians in building public awareness about environmental threats, legal controls, and needed corrective actions. And, to improve the future, our statements often cite authoritative, factual information that is too often overlooked. Accordingly, Center staff and board members work diligently in preparing these materials submitted to newspapers and online media outlets. We deem this work essential to the Center's mission.

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38. Restoring common sense to serve the common good, *The Brunswick News*, December



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16. Fossil-fuel industry profits by misinforming the public, *The Brunswick News*, July
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20. New legislation is just a start on climate controls, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, September
21. New energy policy needed for Georgians to benefit from federal dollars, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, September
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6. Why Senate Bill 102 should be opposed, *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, February
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14. The crux of our climate predicament, *The Brunswick News*, May
15. Crucial need for honesty in energy policies, *The Brunswick News*, *Coastal Courier*, June
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22. Policy reforms vital to timely climate action, *The Brunswick News*, September
23. Transforming anxieties into effective political action, *Savannah Morning News*, September
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22. A call to action for the challenge ahead, *The Brunswick News*, *Coastal Courier*, November
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