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Warming and Rights

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To the Editor:

As director of an interfaith environmental group, Faith in Place, I appreciated your Dec. 15 news article about the plight of the Inuit and their desire to recast global warming as a human rights issue.

To not ratify the Kyoto accord because developing countries are not held to the same standards is wrongheaded. We should lead the way instead, developing the emission reduction technology that will build our economy and prepare developing countries to reduce their emissions.

An administration that prides itself on religious values should consider the religious value that many of us embrace -- being good stewards of the creation that has been placed in our care, and loving brothers and sisters to the Inuit and others who, through our carelessness, might disappear.

(Rev.) Clare Butterfield
Chicago, Dec. 15, 2004

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