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**From:** Joseph Bast [JBast@heartland.org]  
**Sent:** 6/30/2017 5:45:43 PM  
**Subject:** Letter to the editor supporting Sec. Perry just published in Texas

Nice letter to the editor by Tom Harris defending Sec. Perry:

<http://www.mystatesman.com/news/opinion/letters-the-editor-july-2017/t6mXKt0M1h0XVfnsPwdyOI/>

Re: June 23 article, "[Perry defends his stance on climate change, budget.](#)"

Environmentalists often present Al Gore's stance on climate change as an irrefutable truth. But scientific theories are not truth; they are educated opinions based on interpretations of observations and so can be wrong. Philosophers since ancient times have understood that observations cannot establish truth. This is especially the case in the complex field of climate science.

So, Energy Secretary Rick Perry was right to ask Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., during the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee hearing about President Trump's 2018 energy department budget request, "Don't you think it's OK to have this conversation about the science of climate change ... What's wrong with being a skeptic?"

Nothing, of course. Real science is all about skepticism. I wish more politicians had the courage to say this.

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