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Paul Dabbar, who has been nominated to be the Energy Department's undersecretary for science, agrees that the planet's climate is changing but is unsure about how much is attributable to human activity, according to his [written responses](#) to questions from members of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Dabbar expressed concern about the economy and echoed other Trump administration officials when senators asked him about global warming.

"I believe the climate is changing, and I concur with others who have stated that we must have some impact," he wrote, responding to Sen. [Bernie Sanders](#) (I-Vt.). "I agree with [Energy] Secretary [Rick] Perry that the question is how we address it in a thoughtful way that further supports economic growth, improves affordability of energy, and American jobs."

When Sanders, in writing, asked what actions should be taken to mitigate climate change, Dabbar said the economy could right the problem.

"I believe a strong, vibrant economy is the best way to mitigate any impacts from climate change," he stated. "If confirmed, I will work to implement policies at DOE that will empower innovative approaches and technologies to mitigate climate change."

WHAT'S NEXT: The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is slated to vote on six DOE and Interior Department nominees on Thursday.

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