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I see that the commentary last year against this bill far out weighed those in favor. I would hope that the sheer magnitude of these numbers might make a difference. I would like to add myself to this list. As we see more and more about these vehicles not doing well in cold weather, we in Maine should sit up and take notice. Hertz is eliminating most of its EV fleet and reinvesting in fossil fuel powered vehicles. They are not desirable by most. And it is not only because of the lack of infrastructure. It is because they are unreliable as well.

We have gone off the deep end with our concern about CO2. Let's catch up to recent revelations about the poor science behind all the concerns about CO2. The science we actually learned in 3rd grade makes a lot of sense and is being retaught now by scientists concerned about the status of CO2 in our current lexicon. Plants need CO2 to exist. We need plants to survive - they produce O2 that we need to breathe to survive and we also survive by eating plants. And non-vegetarians eat animals that survive by eating plants. This is obviously simplified but also – just obvious. Recent science is showing more and more of the fallacies in much of the climate science that denigrates CO2. Let's take a 2nd look at this before we jump off the cliff!

Additionally, it does not make sense to rely on any one source of energy. It is great that we have a choice to have an EV and a hybrid is probably an even better option. But we need fossil fuel powered vehicles as well. Diversification and choice is a good thing. Diversified portfolios are good when you are investing as well as when choosing a vehicle. When we lose power in a winter storm, and these storms are expected to be more frequent and harsh due to climate change, we should have the choice of using a vehicle fueled by gasoline.

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