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Something has to change if we want to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Where to start? All of us as citizens have an obligation to change our lifestyles, but elected officials are in a special position to effect real change. It is well known that burning fossil fuels is the major culprit causing climate change, so changes in policy that reduce or eliminate the use of fossil fuels will have the biggest effect. The use of fossil fuels in transportation may have to be reduced gradually, but the use of fossil fuels in creating electricity can be changed quite quickly. And this change is urgently needed.

The counter-argument is that it may cause an increase in utility rates. So what? Solving that problem is much simpler than figuring out how to apportion the losses due to disastrous climate change events.

How do you solve the problem of not being able to buy insurance because the insurers will no longer offer coverage? Who takes care of the people whose disaster occurs after FEMA runs out of money?

Taking the bold steps that are needed now will be rewarded in the future by the grateful appreciation of the voting public. Senate Bill 477 is a good first step in this direction.

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