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### Point of View

I will admit that I am a cynic so you should probably view this article through that filter. I don't believe that the world is being saved by any taxpayer funded agenda that the government is pushing. I don't want ethanol in my gasoline.

I don't want soybean juice in my heating oil. I don't want butane in my refrigerant. I don't want an electric car. I don't want to have to put DEF in my truck. I don't even want warning labels on my beer can.

I don't believe that any of this is making a better world for us to live in. It seems that it is all used to justify government funded research and rules that make the purchase and operation of almost everything we need cost more. I think there won't be enough electricity produced in this country to satisfy the demand soon because the best ways to produce it are being slowly outlawed. But electric cars will require much more electricity and at a higher rate than most homes currently have available so we may be headed for a cliff. I can't be the only one who feels this way.

When we remove an air conditioner we are required to reclaim the refrigerant. We need to use special recovery tanks for this process. As of this spring none of our suppliers have any tanks and none will take back our reclaimed refrigerant. That's cool, make rules and then make them impossible to follow.

The new refrigerant that is coming out is flammable and will require special tools to use it. More government rules and more cost to the consumer. Are we really saving the planet or just punishing the little people? China has none of these rules and doesn't follow any of the climate saving measures needed to preserve the globe. We buy everything they make because we can't make it here without polluting. This seems oddly like the NIMBY principle that George Carlin talked about. Not In My Back Yard. It's OK for China to pollute the air and water there to produce all the things we 'need' and then put them in containers and ship them over here. Those ships don't pollute or use much fuel so it's just better to do it that way. Every link in the supply chain is made of fossil fuel but you're told it is a bad thing here in the US.

Let's just keep trying to pay for all the licenses we need and all the taxes put on us for our own good and be happy about it.

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