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This bill is ridiculous and makes no sense!! Environmentalists need to do a large amount of research to understand that this bill will cause much more damage than good.

There is no such thing as a zero emissions vehicle. The question is where are the emissions associated with an electric car? What you do with an electric vehicle, if you don't eliminate them, you export them from somewhere else. You have to dig up over 500,000 lbs. of materials to make a single 1,000 lb. battery. It takes 100 to 300 barrels of oil to manufacture a battery that can hold 1 barrel of oil equivalent of energy. Just manufacturing the battery can have a carbon debt rate ranging from 10 tons to 40 tons of CO₂. And the plans that are in place to increase the use of batteries will require an increase of minerals like lithium, cobalt, and zinc. Demand for those minerals will increase between 400% and 4,000%. There isn't enough mining in the world to make enough batteries for that many people for their cars.