

Our representative needs to step up

I loved your editorial “County reluctant to put money in climate fight.” You kept reminding readers that it’s important to consider the carbon impact of every decision, even while you sympathized with leaders and ordinary folks, because finances sometimes push us to settle for cheaper, high-carbon options. I could hear that this is heart-wrenching for you.

It’s good that the only thing stopping people from choosing green is economics, because economics are easier to fix than melted ice caps.

Bloomberg News regularly reports that solar is cheaper than coal or natural gas electricity globally. It’s not true here, yet, because we ratepayers invested in too many polluting power plants. Therefore, economics makes it cheaper to keep paying for out-of-state fuel rather than build local solar installations and pay for no fuel. If we’d only known solar would become cheap so fast, we wouldn’t have built that last plant. Yet Congress could fix the economics easily, with bills already in committee.

Bloomberg reports that clean energy and efficiency businesses employ more people than polluting energy businesses. If it seems like choosing green hurts local jobs, it’s another transitional issue that Congress can enact sensible policy to help everyone handle.

Bloomberg reports that electric vehicles are beginning to compete with combustion cars in price and performance. Again, it’s a small economics problem, so a responsible Congress should be able to settle on levelheaded solutions.

Do you send people to Congress to make easy decisions for themselves? Or to make decisions that might be hard for them, but that will make your decisions easier? Please visit Rep. Elise Stefanik’s office regularly asking her to take a giant hard step for herself in order to make future steps smaller and easier for you.

Thank you.

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