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I think the excise tax is an excellent idea. The climate crisis is real and accelerating. If we want to leave our children a livable planet, we need to stop adding GHGs to the atmosphere. Driving less and using more and better public transportation is a way to do this. Some people think that climate change is a political issue, but the science is well established. We are currently on track for an 8.5 degree temperature increase by the end of the century, which is not considered survivable. The goal is to not exceed 1.5 degrees, and we are already there. Additional warming is already in the pipeline even if we removed all emissions today. I think this is a small sacrifice for all of us who have enjoyed such bounty as Americans to make for the youth and young adults of today. Having lived personally in major cities like NY and Washington DC, I can vouch for the convenience and speed and health and clean air promoting qualities of good mass transportation and bicycle paths.