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Roundup: Efficient cars save more over time

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The article "[Obama administration floats 56.2 mpg target for vehicles](#)" stated that a fuel-economy standard of 56.2 miles per gallon in 2025 would raise the price of a new vehicle. However, it omitted the much greater savings that come with better mileage and fewer trips to the pump.

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When you add the upfront costs of the technology that delivers the better mileage and then subtract the much bigger amount that you save at the pump, you come out ahead by \$5,500 to \$7,000, according to a study conducted by the [National Highway Traffic Safety Administration](#).

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And at a standard of 62 mpg, the savings would be even greater at \$5,700 to \$7,400. Spend a little to gain a lot. That's a pretty good return on the investment. Readers should be given both sides of the story.

James Gerstenzang; Washington, D.C.

Climate change is real

Experts warn that changes in the oceans will cause mass extinctions and that the situation is more dire than previously thought ("[Fastest sea-level rise in 2,100 years linked to climate change](#)," Green House).

The melting ice caps are visible, yet many in Congress won't admit it or rule on remedies. We need global leadership bringing all nations under strict, anti-pollution enforcement.

I wish my beloved and strong country was the one to lead the world, but it appears we wish to be the first to go down with the ship.

Debbie Metke; Franksville, Wis.

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and don't have designated representatives. Yet business leaders are allowed to use company bank accounts to influence politics. That's not just un-American, it's inhuman.

Reggie Marselus; Lenexa, Kan.

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