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Electric cars and buses are failing all over the world, unable to work in extreme conditions. We had to delay a vote on this in Maine because it rained a lot and took out the power grid. Also the mining of minerals for the batteries is fraught with issues that involve destroying the environment, “employing” small children, and likely slavery.

We need solutions that are sustainable, not more that seem great but actually result in worse consequences for the environment and livelihoods. Ask anyone with a dishwasher how the energy Star dishwashers last a quarter or much less than an older dishwasher. Dishwashers made, mostly of plastic, shipped from China, used for a couple of years then thrown in landfills are not helping the earth just because the water doesn’t heat and we don’t have a drying cycle. Older, better, repairable and 30-40 year lasting appliances beat any energy star rated appliance that starts to break within a year.

Also these batteries are prohibitively expensive to replace. Most people won’t be able to afford it at all. What if we look for actually sustainable solutions that make the earth a better place for everyone?