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Re: Repeal of Endangerment Finding

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The repeal of the Environmental Protection Agency's Endangerment Finding by Administrator Lee Zeldin is cause for celebration. The basis of this wrongheaded climate regulation put ideology ahead of science. The rule has been an impediment to economic growth, a cause of rising energy costs and a destroyer of many thousands of jobs at power plants, coal mines and manufacturing facilities.

Since the 2009 enactment of the Endangerment Finding, its scientific underpinnings have been found to be even weaker than previously believed and contradicted by empirical data, peer-reviewed studies and research. Relying on false computer models and pseudoscience, the Obama EPA erroneously claimed that carbon dioxide and other so-called greenhouse gases threatened to overheat the Earth. The agency disregarded complexities of climate dynamics – from solar cycles to clouds to ocean currents. Also ignored were a mountain of real-world data accumulated over decades and centuries that disprove the finding that the plant food carbon dioxide is a pollutant.

Rather than an Earth spiraling into man-made climate crises, the facts reveal that ecosystems are thriving and humanity is benefiting from modest warming and more CO₂. Forests are expanding, deserts are shrinking, agricultural productivity is expanding and drought is declining. In short, there is no climate crisis and carbon dioxide is a beneficial gas necessary for life.