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[00:00:00] **Speaker 1** And okay.

[00:00:03] **Speaker 2** Yeah, well, as I was saying earlier, there's been two profoundly important measures that have been passed through Congress relating to finally tackling climate change, reducing our carbon emissions, and leaving a better globe for the next generations. One was when we passed the bipartisan infrastructure bill last year, setting the stage for a lot of the things we talked about today with electric vehicle charging. I might add, as an aside on primary day that while we call it the bipartisan infrastructure law, there was not a single Republican from the Wisconsin delegation who supported that legislation. It was delivered for Wisconsin all by Democrats. But we did have bipartisan support in the Senate. The so that laid the foundation. But just this past weekend, the inflation reduction. Makes the biggest investment in combating climate change that we've ever made in the United States. And this is critical because the the crisis is existential. And the longer we have delayed, the worse it is. So this will reduce U.S. carbon emissions predicted to be by 40% in just the next eight years. And companies like Franklin Electric and Madison Gas and Electric will be playing a big role in bringing that to fruition.

[00:01:36] **Speaker 1** You some as we dig into the to the infrastructure, the Inflation Reduction Act, it seems like a lot of EVs are on the market now won't qualify for the the credit the credit. Is it because of the price or where the materials are sourced from? Do you think that manufacturers will be able to respond to the whatever to the the carrots in the door?

[00:02:00] **Speaker 2** Oh, I certainly think they will. I mean, it's all about customer demand. And when you have incentives that are going to increase that demand, I feel very confident that the vehicle manufacturers are going to listen and deliver. And we know that there's also an infrastructure that's associated with that that's already being delivered. So, yes, and I would say, you know, it's also important to look beyond vehicles, electric vehicles, think about the the major infrastructure of buildings and homes. Some of it is gas, some of it's electric. We have to think about those purchases like cars that you don't make every year that you make once in a long period of time. Usually when something breaks, we have to provide incentives to really electrify and then clean the electric grid with renewable and clean energy sources.

[00:03:00] **Speaker 1** How affordable are these options for your constituents?

[00:03:04] **Speaker 2** It's going to vary significantly. This, you know, we're starting with a 70 $500 rebate for electric vehicle purchases that are new purchases and smaller $4,000 rebate for four used purchases. And as the supply grows, we know that what was truly, you know, out of reach for many just a few years ago is becoming within reach. And as we move out into the future, we'll see those prices come down just like, you know, putting solar on your roof started out of reach to most people and is becoming within reach to communities and cooperatives and others that are doing that. So it's it's it it takes time, but we know it needs to happen that that transition has to happen. There have been some, especially climate activist groups who have come after the Bush Reduction Act claiming that it doesn't go far enough to address climate change, to address greenhouse gas emissions. Do you have anything to say to those critics? You know, it's it's hard to pass legislation that is you know satisfies every. You know, checks every box. And so I think we recognize this is a powerfully important first step and the largest step that we have ever taken for sure. But if we are going to tackle climate change, first of all, we have to lead by example to get some of our global some of these other countries. And, you know, looking at the same thing, looking at the economic opportunity of being on the leading edge of climate change, because there are. And in the past, we've let other countries get ahead with regard to wind energy or solar and look to bring those things back here and and show that it is an economic win. It's about jobs, good paying jobs, as well as doing right by reducing our carbon footprint. You've got time for two more here. If there are any other questions people had about today or off topic, it's going to that you find on primary day excited excited to watch the results come in. I, I will say that I was all excited to vote in person on primary day because we thought we would be off for the whole week. But as the as it became clearer and clearer that we were going to have this major climate debate over the weekend, I thought ahead, and ordered an absentee ballot which arrived at my polling place last night. Yeah. So I would be wearing I got it today button. But all I want to say is that for anyone who is able to listen to this prior to the close of the polls, please get out there and vote. Your voice matters. The issues at stake are enormously vital. All right. Last question here. Or not. All right. Thank you very much, everyone.