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## Can the World Change in Time – Can WE?

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Similar to PEI, Copenhagen, the capital city of Denmark, has an average annual temperature low of 0°C in February and high of 17°C in July. The city's temperature is expected to trend upward in degrees, however. And this will happen across the globe, too, unless clarity is achieved among global leaders on climate change in December. Copenhagen will host the United Nations Climate Change Conference and the city is aiming to be carbon-neutral by 2025.

The Government of Denmark is fully enabling electric vehicle adoption as the cars are capable of operating in sub-zero temperatures. By establishing a bold 180% tax on gasoline vehicles, Denmark will apply a clear market signal for consumer and industry adaptation.

The people of Denmark receive a domestic supply of renewable electricity similar to that of our island. When compared to other jurisdictions, Denmark's energy mix will amplify emission reductions from a change to electric cars. Electric vehicle services will also allow consumers to automatically buy renewable energy certificates to insure a zero emissions driving experience. The additional cost of this green energy option is less than one cent per km – not a bad bargain if you are trying to be conscientious about our so-called planet in peril.

Copenhagen and Denmark offer model examples, at the municipal and national level, to mitigate climate change at the kind of scale that is necessary. So, can we globally achieve an aggregate climate solution in time? It's odd to me, as, in practical theory we know we CAN solve this; we can respond effectively for our future civilization, yet the jury is still out on whether we will.