

Subject: EV Mandate

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I disagree with the mandate to force electric vehicles on the public. I do think electric vehicles should be made available to the public and that we should be allowed to select whatever we want. The price of many electric vehicles is excessive, and the range they can travel is not sufficient. I read an article on Fox News which stated that the average cost of an electric vehicle was \$64,338 compared to a compact gas car at \$26,101 in 2022. Also, the average range of gas powered model year 2021 was 403 miles compared to the median range of 234 for electric vehicles.

I recently drove to Florida, and almost made it to Jacksonville, Florida from lower Delaware without filling up with fuel (F150-34 gallon tank). That is the kind of range I would be looking for in an electric vehicle. I get about 640 miles of range on the highway!

At the same time governments are pushing electric vehicles, they are restricting the electric production by closing fossil fuel sourced power plants. What sense does that make?

Thanks,
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