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Comments on 2022-R-A-0011: Low Emission Vehicle Program

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## Comments:

I am opposed to the electric vehicle mandate. Electric vehicle concept is over 100years old. The mining of cobalt, lithium, nickel, copper and bauxite come at a significant environmental cost and child labor and virtual slave labor in some countries which cannot be ignored. Additionally, as we progress to more intermittent power sources (one of which does not work at night and diminished on cloudy days) electric supply and the grid become a problem. According to Volvo the average C40 owner must drive about 63,000 miles to offset the carbon required to build it. Then there is also the fossil fuel burned to provide electricity to charge it. This is not a zero emission vehicle, in reality it is not much better than its ICE relative. Do not mandate this. M. Rath Lewes