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Comments:

1. When did the United States become a country where we no longer have the "freedom" to choose a type of vehicle that we want. The option is out there to purchase a battery car, but it is not for everyone and should not be the only option in purchasing a vehicle. 2. How can low and middle class citizens afford the electrical impact of the already rising electric costs and now having to add charging a vehicle? 3. What are the fire risk of these vehicles? Lithium ion batteries are known for spontaneous combustion- I know personally because I had an item in my home that spontaneously started burning. Can I safely park the vehicle in my garage or will my homeowners insurance increase due to the risk of fire? 4. What about the cold weather? Cold weather negatively effects batteries- can I rely on my car to start in the winter? Or is there extra steps I will have to take to ensure the battery stays warm enough to start my car when it's needed? 5. How about the warm weather? High temperatures also wreck havoc on batteries that are sitting basking in the sun. 6. What happens to our (kind of non existent) road improvements? Some of the funding comes from a percentage of the gas that consumers purchase- where will those funds come from now? 7. What about all the gas station employees, the fuel company drivers, the fuel companies- what type of loss does that have on our economy? Again, I think that options to purchase an electric vehicle are absolutely acceptable, but should not be mandatory. There are so many other implications that mandated electric vehicles would impose on our economy and our environment that the government has not taken into consideration. I am against the mandate of these vehicles.