

Subject: Opposition to 'Clean Car' proposal

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I am writing to oppose the proposed mandate regarding electric vehicles for a number of reasons:

- The EV cars will be cost prohibitive for much of our population for many years. That is putting an unnecessary burden on those the state says the care about.
- The electrical grid is already fragile. Adding this volume of EVs to the system will do nothing but put us at greater risk.
- EVs are not “clean” – they use electricity, which is generated largely by coal. How does this make sense?
- Replacing batteries in EVs is an astronomical cost that most won't be prepared for. From what I understand, you need to replace the battery if you are in an accident, not just when they get old.
- I have read that the risk of intense fires in accidents is also an increased risk.
- Having EVs will require people to make upgrades to their home electrical system, which is yet another cost.
- The process of making the batteries for the cars is anything but clean. Mining the minerals is a destructive process. And, most countries that are providing them are using child-labor and horrible working conditions.
- What will we do with all of the batteries when they die? Will we have huge “dumps” of toxic batteries? Has this even been considered?
- The vehicles are not practical if you travel any distance due the frequency of charging needed and the time it takes.

Jumping on the bandwagon of EVs without considering all true long-term costs is irresponsible and short-sighted. The government's approach should be a carrot, not a stick. Offer tax incentives for people to make the switch if you really think that is the best option.

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