

Subject: Proposal to Ban the Sale of New Fuel-Powered Vehicles by 2035

I am writing this document to express my disagreement and concerns with the subject proposal.

I do agree that the world has a legitimate need to define the prime causes of the climate changes we are experiencing and to take corrective action to mitigate them. However, these actions need to be part of a comprehensive plan designed to achieve very specific measurable objectives which will permanently halt or reverse the prime causes of climate change. To be successful a plan needs to have activities defined, pre and co-requisites determined, resources determined and committed, a reasonable time line established and plan management and tracking responsibilities assigned. No one country or state can reverse climate change independently. This plan needs to be comprehensive, non-disruptive and have world wide support. Other than talk, who has taken the lead to create and manage such a plan?

The prime unnatural contributors to global warming identified to date are carbon compounds resulting primarily from energy production. We have known for at least 50 years that relying on fossil fuels as a prime source of energy was both expensive and relied on a finite source of raw material. We also knew it was not environmentally friendly. However, nothing has really been done to plan for an orderly transition to more economical, environment friendly and infinite alternative source of energy. Now for some reason our political leaders are selling the idea that converting to electric vehicles will solve our carbon production problem. When will our leaders stop reacting to problems and start looking for the root causes and long term solutions and create tactical and strategic plans that address the whole problem in a feasible and economically sound way?

This country has a track record of doing great things in a relative short time frame. The Manhattan Project took about three years. The Apollo 11 mission but a man on the moon and returned him to earth is eight years. We have the intellectual resources and skills in this country to do great things. They need only to be challenged and focused on critical issues. What we lack is the leadership required to define clear objectives and then allocate the resources necessary to achieve them. Banning fossil fuel powered vehicles by 2035 will not solve our carbon pollution problem.

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