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I am against this mandate. The government shouldn't be creating mandates that eliminate the choices individuals have for vehicles. The free market will guide individuals to the vehicle that best meets their needs for initial cost, on-going cost, repair costs, range, cargo capacity, re-fuel / re-charge times, etc. As EVs reduce their cost, improve their performance, and reduce their environmental impact, they will naturally become predominant in the market. But that does not mean they will be the best vehicle for all scenarios. Major mandates such as this one should not be issued from state agencies, which are not accountable to the residents of the state. I don't want government mandates that result in increasing America's dependency on China to supply components for products sold in the US. We are all aware of the horrendous pollution emitted by the coal-fired cargo ships transporting goods from China to the US, as well as the human rights issues with the Chinese regime.