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I do not feel we have the ability to safely push more of these vehicles onto the population. There's more research, Training and upgrading of Infrastructure needed before these vehicles can be deemed safe. They are currently more prone to catching fire at this stage of development. EV's burn hotter, longer and put off more dangerous chemicals than a gas or diesel vehicle. This is detrimental to the environment that you are claiming you are trying to protect. You are exposing First Responders and the public to increased health risks from chemical inhalation. Batteries create a potential environmental and health Hazzard when they are removed from the vehicles. The vehicles are heavier, they will cause additional damage to roads and bridges. Road traffic fatalities will increase because of inattentive or inexperienced drivers not being able to slow down as quickly as lighter vehicles. Parking garages are not constructed to take the additional weight these vehicles will add. The power grid in many parts of the country is not capable of handling the extra demand. EV owners will be restricted on how far they can travel due to charging needs. Freight will be delayed because it will take longer and longer to charge vehicles as the batteries weaken. You cannot charge or park these vehicles near buildings because of the fire risk. My personal suggestion is to take a step back and reassess the pros and cons of these vehicles. Everyone is concerned about preserving the environment for future generations. I agree we have work to do, however, heavier vehicles that overload existing infrastructure and potentially create more of an environmental Hazzard than existing vehicles is an environmental disaster. Please think before you try and push these vehicles onto the population and create a bigger environment disaster.