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Comments:

I am against mandatory EVs for numerous reasons. Forcing people to switch to EVs places a financial hardship on many people for various reasons. The main reason is the cost of the vehicle. The cost to install a charging station at their home is another. The cost to landowners (apartment owners both large and small) would be huge and passed on to the person renting the apartment. The cost of insurance for the vehicle would be another huge cost. The cost of homeowners insurance (business owners also) would raise as well. States are starting to charge impact fees on owners of EV for road usage to offset money lost for gas tax. This money is needed to maintain our roadways. The cost to repair the EV will also be astronomical. The EV is run by battery. These batteries are not recyclable. The cost to replace a battery is outrageous. The damage to our climate is huge to produce the batteries as well. This damage is not offset by the vehicle usage. When EVs are involved in traffic collisions, a fire sometimes erupts. At times, the fire will begin days later. These fires present a challenge to our fire fighters. This problem need to be resolved before all motor vehicles on the road are EVs. Using an EV for travel in the countryside is not feasible. There are very few charging stations; trips around the country would take 4 to 5 times longer than they do now when a family choses to go on vacation and see our beautiful country. The costs of travel would increase and limit a family in where they can go. The people impacted the most would be the lower income, those on fixed income, the senior citizens, the people living in multi-unit homes and those that live in rural areas. EVs will become a vehicle of the future. However, to mandate that everyone drive one is also government overreach. Let the consumers decide when they want to buy an EV. Technology will advance to allow these vehicles to improve and become more affordable for all. That time is not now. Respectfully, Sandra Johnson