

Subject: EV Mandate

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To: HearingComments, DNREC (MailBox Resources)

I am writing to voice my displeasure with the EV mandate for the following reasons:

This technology is no where near perfected. Batteries catch fire, rain destroys them, if you have an accident the chances of your car being totaled increases which is going to cause car insurance to go higher than it already is and the cost to replace batteries and EV cars is much higher then gasoline engines. Also, many, many middle income and below will not be able to afford them. I am a little above middle income and with my other increased costs of living, I would not be able to afford them.

We should be striving for energy independence instead of depending on China, a communist country, more and more.

I drive many miles each day for work and I would have to stop and re-charge often during the day because of miles they go on a charge so my work would suffer because instead of taking 5 minutes to fill with gas, it would take a lot more time and more often to re-charge. Additionally, I couldn't afford the cost of a premium unit for charging at my home, and like I said, I am a little above middle income so I know middle and lower income people wouldn't be able to afford it.

EV's are not in the best interests of most of the public, which is who I thought the government was supposed to work for, NOT against us.

So please do not mandate EV's and ban gasoline cars.

Thank you,

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