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I believe that our infrastructure is not nearly ready for mandatory low emissions vehicles. The cost to convert home electrical systems, the drain to community electrical systems and serious safety issues raised by friends in the fire service have convinced me that we are not ready. Next, it only takes one appointment in downtown Wilmington to realize that mandatory EVs are impractical and out of reach for high density urban dwellers. Where are they supposed to plug in safely and how many vehicles could charge without brown outs? That's presupposing the general population could afford these vehicles and the cost to maintain them. The next issue I have is with the sourcing for the batteries for these vehicles and it's a huge issue for me. Why are we supposed to support China, the source of these batteries? China has no interest in clean air, running coal powered plants all over their country. China has no interest in improving the planet or the quality of life for anyone, except perhaps their political elite. China does have an enormous interest in political and territorial expansion. Until we can produce our own batteries, greatly improve our electrical infrastructure, improve the safety and reliability of EV's, make EV's affordable and available to the general public and solve a substantial number of practical concerns, we are not nearly ready for mandatory EVs.