

Subject: Opposition to mandatory purchase requirements

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Let me start by saying I am an EV owner. I currently own my second EV. I choose to buy an EV over a fossil fuel powered vehicle. I did not do it because it was mandated by the government.

While some may call it a stretch, requiring a private citizen to purchase a certain type of car could be viewed as a violation of one's private property rights under the constitution.

From fee.org, "...

Men like James Madison and Alexander Hamilton understood that prosperity depends upon the security and certainty of property rights and designed the Constitution accordingly..."

When governments mandate what private property we can and cannot purchase it goes against a fundamental freedom.

A car is a modern essential and a costly asset. Since the time of the Magna Carta society has recognized the importance of private property rights. Telling someone what car they cannot buy is tantamount to telling a citizen they can not buy a particular type house.

Forcing manufacturers and customers to only make, sell and purchase legal property, such as a car, jeopardizes an economy, an industry and a private citizens right to choose.

If an EV is something a private citizen wishes to own, under our system, they have the right to choose that type of vehicle. They should not be forced by government to make such a purchase. Do not take away our right to choose what legal items we can and cannot purchase.

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