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There are so very many things wrong with this plan that I am not sure that I can remember to list them all . Firstly, I am against DNREC , an organization composed wholly of unelected persons to impose this on us. This is undemocratic but also just not a good idea. Electric vehicles have become more common but they are by no means at a developmental level to allow such widespread usage. We still hear commonly of vehicle fires which reach a very high temperature and are difficult if not impossible to extinguish. Recommendations for EV owners have even recommended not parking near a building or other vehicles. A school bus caught fire , luckily in a parking lot so none were injured. In short, they are not yet truly safe. Will that improve in the next ten years? Who knows. Also there are not enough charging stations. We plan to be here in ten years , are retired , and our home would need an expensive upgrade to enable vehicle charging . And for people in cities perhaps worse. I'd hate to think of what would happen if we needed to evacuate They are also, in themselves very expensive and even moreso if all you need is to replace a battery . Also, they increase our dependence on a known enemy - the Chinese , since they require materials and rare earth minerals that they have cornered the market on presently. Also , are they truly any better since they are electric and the great amount of our electricity is not actually ecological either. Lastly, they are very quiet which seems nice except when you consider pedestrians and bicyclists who will not hear them coming..not to mention other animals that will also fail to get out of the road. Perhaps in ten years we can look at this again..but it should not be a mandate until it is affordable for the average family and even then give folks a choice .