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Comments:

To follow the state of California, in any modeling, would be in my opinion idiocy. They have problems, all self-induced by poor political calculation with no practical, economic or scientific reasoning. Virginia had the same California idiocy passed by the outgoing democratic governor which is now in the process of being nullified by the newly elected republican administration. EVs, their charging stations and charging fees are all going to be subsidized to force this program down the throats of all Americans. Most people cannot afford these vehicles. Most people do not want these vehicles. Going directly against the will of the citizens causing pain to them all along the way is wrong. EV's, ON AVERAGE, have constant charging requirements and short driving distances. Put them in colder seasons with heaters running, lights on and windshield wipers running reduces the battery capacity by 40% . Put them in hot seasons with air conditioners running drop battery capacity by 30%. Not everyone can afford to have a class 1 much less class 2 charger installed at their home; but that again will be subsidized. More subsidies passed on in taxes to the citizens that do not want these means more economic distress to the citizens. EV's, on average, are 2-4 times heavier than gas/diesel vehicles. This means tires wear out faster, brakes wear out sooner and normal suspension components are built heavier to handle the weight. All this translates to an inefficient ratio of weight to power which would not be tolerated in an internal combustion vehicle making it an unpopular vehicle which people would not buy. Why are we being forced to buy something so impractical and so expensive in such a short period of time !? Innovation has always been at the heart of our country's success. There needs to be more time to develop a better more efficient EV and it's pursuant support systems, I'm sure that time will come but this is not it. California is already is asking its populace to not charge their EV's when conditions put a burden on their grid. EV's makes up 16% of all vehicles in California. What happens as that increases ? How much more suffering do the citizens across the country have to endure just to have this poorly planned, economically burdensome, technically lagging, political scheme forced down their throats ?! The recent fiasco with school buses and the Biden EPA giving 1 billion dollars to the roll out is more proof of a Government determined to throw money at this EV project with no regard to results, needs or will of the people. The 4th largest school district in Michigan has had endless problems, "a lot of downtime and performance issues". Repairs in a southern California city on a dozen buses took months to complete; Philadelphia removed 24 of it's busses in 2020 for structural problems. Still in 2021 Biden's infrastructure bill allotted another 9 billion dollars for electric buses ! All these tax dollars and the burden they cause on the poor hardworking families shows they will truly suffer not the environment. I see the same in Delaware for a plan doomed to fail and maybe a slow painful death over many years at that. There are so many reasons why this forced climate/environment political mandate is wrong. I could go on about infrastructure problems, fires and the dangers that are caused from the batteries, wear and tear on the roads from weight, charging pods in people's homes, inconvenience of finding and scheduling a charge up, disposal of dead batteries and the environmental impact of their manufacture as well repair, and the financial and environmental impact from a collision of an EV..... Maybe innovation in the next several years will bring down cost and allow a better more clear headed plan to evolve. This is not the time. This is wrong for our small state and I for one resent having this being shoved down my throat while my wallet is being "fleeced" !