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I'd like to express my concern regarding the low emissions vehicles due to multiple reasons. First, electric vehicles pose a greater risk to the environment than gas vehicles. With the use of multiple metals and minerals required for the batteries whether it's lithium or EV batteries, the extraction or mining process increases contamination to our water, land, and atmosphere. Additionally the process is expensive and with many of these minerals coming from other countries worker used for the extraction of the minerals are often placed in poor working conditions and rely on slave child labor. Moreover, an MIT portal report indicates for every ton of lithium mined, an exorbitant amount of co2e is released. Again, these emissions are toxic and worse than exhaust emissions Tire break down sooner causing more toxic particle released into the environment. With soaring cancer rates, it doesn't make sense to produce more toxins into our environment than we already have. Also, the electric that is required to charge these vehicles also puts a large strain on the power grid and to just simply rely on clean sources of electricity, such as solar wind, and Hydro power makes little sense as they are reliant on weather patterns, which can be on stable. Other factors to consider are the expense of the vehicles, and decreased access to both the vehicle and electricity in rural or disadvantaged areas. Finally, as a citizen of the United States, there needs to be choice of preference instead of mandating, residents to purchase something that shows little benefit.