

Subject: EV mandate

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Dear Secretary Garvin

I'm very sad that on Memorial Day weekend, a holiday that celebrates those who have given their lives in support of freedom for citizens of this country, that a decision as this one which will affect economic, security and liberty of those citizens is being made by an appointed, but not elected governmental agency.

Implications of this mandate are exceptionally profound. Environmental concerns cited as the impetus for these decisions ignore equally as disturbing environmental issues -how to supply electric power for a nation of these vehicles. Power companies already advise monitoring and scaling back use of electricity during peak usage hours. How is the need to power up cars going to alleviate this concern? What kind of fuel will power this increased requirement? Solar, wind, nuclear?? None are adequate at this time to meet this need!! It will be very easy to limit the movements of citizens if their car batteries can't be charged reliably.

The batteries needed, both expense of manufacture as well as sources of components and raw materials for these batteries does not seem to be adequately addressed. Sources for these are in countries where control and imposed sanctions would be a threat to our national security.

Disposal of materials used in manufacturing, and disposal of used batteries also does not appear to have been adequately addressed.

The economic impact of this regulation to businesses and to our trade and supply lines is overwhelming! Requiring this degree of reworking of equipment is coming at a time when our economy is suffering a severe downturn impacting all our citizens but especially those most vulnerable and less able to adjust to this significant change. Government monetary support is strained at this time and further support would severe damage this countries economy and budget.

I sincerely hope these issues are being considered and that our duly elected representatives will be the ones making choices for those they represent.

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Sent from my iPhone