

Fw: EV mandates

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Gentlemen: In these United States of America buying an electric vehicle should be a choice not a law. As someone who has worked in power generation for over 40 years, we are not ready for this. This is going to

be too much too soon. I'm sure that one day EVs will be the norm but now is not the time to mandate something 10 years in the future. Unless you have a crystal ball there is no way you can predict what will be. One thing I do know is green energy is not without its drawbacks. The more batteries needed the more lithium must be mined. The equipment needed to mine the raw materials need burn thousands of gallons of fossil fuels per day. The more batteries needed the more of these machines needed. The can't run off of batteries. Road equipment can't run off batteries. Ten Wheelers, Graders, Bellypans Off Road Trucks can't get the job done with battery power. The people who suffer when government make unrealistic foolish mandate is the majority of the population. Those of us who work for a living. They like to call us the consumers. We are the producers because we actually provide something that our fellow man can use. Carpenters mechanics butchers bakers insurance salesman policeman plumbers. When they go to work everyone reaps the benefit. Forcing someone to by an EV when they can afford one is not how normal people should be thinking. It's only a trade off. We can ride around the city in our EV and somewhere in Southern Africa diesel equipment is working overtime to supply us with the batteries. NOT A GOOD TIME FOR THIS. NOT NOW MOT EVER.

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