

please do not ban gas and Diesel engines until EWV tech is sustainable

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Dear DNREC:

Your desire to ban all gas and diesel engines and submit our state sovereignty to the state of California is very disturbing. Something that has such a severe and broad impact on the public must be put through the legislative process and cannot be shoved onto the people against our will by government edict. We live in a republic with representative government that reflects the will of the people. Banning gas and diesel engines will deeply affect every aspect of every single individual's lives in this state. It will affect food production and consumption, mobility, job accessibility, access to all goods and services. It will affect our ability to heat our homes and take care of our family. If these standards are imposed nationwide hundreds of thousands if not millions of people will fall off the bottom of our economy into poverty, homelessness and possibly death. Many people will not be able to afford the electric vehicles, there won't be many 2-3000 dollar electric "clunkers" available for poorer folks to purchase. Many people will be forced into urban areas against their will to get access to public transportation so they can work to provide for themselves and their families. This is not acceptable!

Why force our state into these standards when it is clear to anyone that the technology does not exist now to make full reliance on electric vehicles plausible. To assume or hope or wish the technology will be there on a large scale is dangerous speculation. Right now, ironically, 60% of the electricity used by EV comes from fossil fuels 20% from nuclear and just 12% from renewable resources. Recently California had to limit EV owners from charging their vehicles because the grid could not support their use. Your ham handed approach to deal with concerns about climate change before all the problems and concerns about EV are addressed is foolhardy and dangerous to many people in the underserved community.

Then of course there is the major concern of how EV will impact the environment. Reports are out that over 500,000 pounds of material has to be removed from the 'earth per electric car batteries. When you add in a nation full of electric cars, lawnmowers, weed whackers, tractors, large trucks etc. do we even know if the earth can sustain this kind of pillage let alone the consequences? Right Cobalt is a huge part of the lithium

