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Dear Sirs,

I am strongly opposed to the electric vehicle mandate, for several reasons: 1. Electric vehicles are very expensive, and virtually eliminate the ability of bottom half of our population to own a car. The number one factor in the ability of the poor to improve their income is access to a personal vehicle to get to a better job. Public transportation is a trap for the poor. 2. Electric vehicles are not "green". Minerals for production of components, especially batteries, are reliant on heavy extractive industries with a large carbon foot print. Metals such as cobalt for batteries are subject to terrible labor conditions, often involving children. 3. We have no plan for the expansion of reliable electricity in the State of Washington to cover the increased demand. You are fooling yourselves if you think wind and solar will do it! 4. There is already a severe shortage of raw materials to manufacture electric vehicles, further raising prices. Electric vehicle US market share was 2.5% in 2021. Where are all of these mandated vehicles going to come from? Again, a further "tax" most severely affecting the poor. 5. In California, the state with the highest penetration of electric vehicles, they are most often owned by wealthy families as a second "about town" car, and have home charging in place. Again, not practical for your average family.

I have nothing against electric vehicle technology, but believe that it is best left to individuals to choose what works best for them and their families. If electric vehicles are really better, they will win in the marketplace.

Sincerely,

James Rohlfing