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I support the strongest possible clean car standards. I also urge NM action to establish an electric car infrastructure soonest.

Since 2016, I've been driving a Chevy Volt. The Volt is all electric until the charge runs out and then it is all gas. It is not a hybrid vehicle, which mixes gas and electric. The vehicle charges 70-80 miles depending upon the outside temperature. It charges higher in warm weather. I've only had to change one part (less than \$400) and change oil as needed. The computer in my EV tells me if service is needed, if oil is getting low, and which tires need inflation.

I charge my vehicle with a fast 240 volt charger installed in my garage. I have solar panels on my roof, so I like to say my car is run by the sun. I don't run out of charge in running errands in ABQ. I can't get all the way up hill to Santa Fe on one charge, so gas kicks in for about 20 miles. I then recharge for free as I dine at a restaurant in Santa Fe. Going downhill to ABQ, the Volt recharges another 37 miles. I've not had to add gas to my car since the pandemic started (no travel to Santa Fe).

With a EV charging infrastructure in NM, I could avoid gas totally when traveling in NM and run clean. The life of an EV battery is not known. To date, I've not had to replace the EV battery.

I'm extremely pleased with my EV.

P.S.: no gas vehicle can match my smooth EV acceleration from a stop.