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Hello, I would like to voice my opposition to reattach the State of New Mexico to California emissions standards. I am currently employed at one of the states new automotive dealerships and am proud to say I have been so for 20 years. While I feel we need to address climate change and pollution in our environment and do read and study this issue regularly, I do not feel that fully electric vehicles are feasible for citizens of New Mexico at this time. I feel that the lack of substantial income for the average New Mexican will make this vehicles out of their price range. (This comes from being responsible for ordering inventory for 3 brands and seeing first hand what the cost of those vehicles are.) I also feel for those of us in a rural area which is most of the state, we will be severely limited in our ability to traverse the state due to charging limitations that will require some time to resolve. I am certain that when automobiles were first introduced they did not tell all the horse owners that were required to switch. Running a farm without horses when fuel was not readily available would have been disastrous. Focus needs to be on 3 things in my opinion. 1 We need to work hard at improving the power infrastructure in the state. Power prices are way to high without this push and giving PNM a monopoly on how we can travel will only make this much worse. 2 Install a strong charging network statewide, this will make using these vehicles more appealing to average New Mexicans. Again I work at a dealership. I have people who come here to charge their vehicles because there is no where else in the county to do so. And I am trying to convince them to buy a automobile they cannot fuel. 3 Push the manufacturers of vehicles to go into a 3 step plan, Hybrids, plug in Hybrids and then affordable EVs. Show the consumer what a Hybrid can save them in maintenance an fuel. Then upgrade them to a plug in where they can make their daily commute on electricity. Then a electric vehicle is not so scary and if by that point there is an affordable EV on the market they will scramble for it. I feel this should be a 10 to 15 year plan. Not a 2 year plan made by a bunch of people who live in cities and do not know what it is like to live elsewhere. Government should strive to lead the people to the best thing for them. Not to decide what is best and then mandate it whether they like it or not. I would like both parties to stop deciding what is best for me to an extreme and please consider a plan the average American can make work. Make me want to vote for you again instead of trying to pick the one that frightens me the least.