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Short of stating the obvious, New Mexico is still mostly rural and its citizens drive long distances on a routine basis, and to be honest and frank a large portion of its citizens are not adept or willing to have to rough it on the road. Currently I see no less than five cars on the shoulder of I-25 ever time I drive to Albuquerque. Most of these cars the average person is unable to perform any remedial repair or troubleshooting on the spot. At least fuel gauges are able to be read easily and fuel stations are numerous and generally easy to find and refuel. Add to the problem of complexity of modern cars the shortage of recharge stations and the length of time to recharge will cause drivers to risk it and get to their destination without the stop. Leading to more stranded cars and drivers on the road side and increased safety risks to other motorists. Not to mention the increased fire hazard in an already fire-tendered state. The current state of electric automobiles is not to the level of confidence and reliability for anyone living in the rural areas. Let alone the trucks, which is the other subject at hand. Reduced payload, longer refueling/recharging stops doesn't not work with the farm and ranch operations. In the past the state has already made a concerted effort to diminish the role of agriculture by making them license as commercial vehicles instead of a farm plate. Diesel powered vehicles are still by far the most horsepower and economy for the cost of operation and production. The tasks of harvesting and moving livestock cannot be planned around recharging of batteries. Basic fact it takes longer to achieve a full charge than to drain it. That equates to much higher costs of down time where work is not getting done. This country is built on the capitalist ideal and with that these decisions should be by supply and demand and not forced upon us by government individuals who think they know best sitting in their house in the city that drive less than 20,000 miles in a year. You may possibly convince me to change my mind if you begin flying people around in electric powered jetliners. If it doesn't make sense to do that then how does it make sense for the working class or anyone who likes to take trips? Like to the sites of New Mexico. Think about it from our perspective and hopefully you can admit this is a bad move. If you want to be like the California coast and urban areas then go live there.