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Dear members of the EIB:

I write to urge you reject proposed rule requiring 43% of vehicles sold in New Mexico be electric, in less than four years.

I live in San Juan County. I know that electric vehicle technology is not nearly able to meet the transportation needs of those of us in rural New Mexico. I know that electric vehicles are much too expensive for the vast majority of New Mexicans.

Under real-life New Mexico conditions, using an electric car would make impossible most same-day trips from here in Farmington to Albuquerque or Santa Fe, requiring an overnight on someone's couch, or many hours waiting in lines in Cuba for scarce chargers to boost a battery, especially if one wanted to use the heater or A/C while driving. I can imagine the long breakdowns our friends on the Navajo or Jicarilla nations will have to endure trying to get town for shopping

Installing a level-2 home charger would require me to upgrade the service to my house to 150 amps, for which I've been quoted several thousand dollars, on top of the cost of the charger.

This policy would most harm low and middle-income people. Reasonably-priced cars would be in very scarce supply, because electric cars are so expensive, and dealers would shift their limited internal combustion sales to higher-margin, high priced luxury and performance vehicles. It would decimate our car dealers here, as almost everyone of us would drive the hour to Durango or Cortez to buy internal-combustion engine cars and trucks that actually meet our transportation needs.

This policy would greatly harm low and middle income voters, which as you know are disproportionately minority. It would inconvenience plenty of voters who would remember it on election day.

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