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I do not support mandating or requiring the purchase of electric vehicles by a certain year. This will cause increased prices for EVs as the demand for them increases and as there will be limited supply. There are already shortages of lithium and other commodities that go into the manufacture of EVs. How these are mined cause other problems with the environment and there are issues with child labor in the countries they are mined. What is interesting is that we purchase many of these commodities and EVs from China while China isn't required to live up to the same environmental rules. Americans and New Mexicans will carry the burden of economic hardship with these drastic rules. Also, why isn't this being decided by my elected legislators instead of this appointed body? Finally, my family uses diesel trucks on our ranch and EVs are not practical. Your rules impact rural and poor populations most significantly. I urge you to not implement these EV mandates and rules. Thank you.