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What happened to the freedoms we have enjoyed. This is an open your mouth and put a fire hose in it rule. Where is consumer choice? If the market place demands EV vehicles, industry will make it happen. We do not need government to force us to EV's. Government and government workers have never had to produce a good or service, they just dictate, not good. If EV's are good American innovation will make it happen. Several issues that are not talked about, battery weight, wear and tear on highways, multiple story parking garages are not designed for the additional weight of EV batteries. Most New Mexicans cannot afford an EV. There are no charging stations. By the way, the largest EV charging station in the country, California, is powered by natural gas generators. Yes, electricity is most efficiently made from natural gas. Renewables are fine, but until technology makes them better, they cannot meet the demands of our society. You are punishing the very people you need to help, the poor. Commerce depends on freight moving. Heavier vehicles will cause a reduction in the load each vehicle carries, meaning it will take more trucks to haul freight. Ag will disproportionately suffer. The production from our farms and ranches has to be hauled. This will increase our cost, reducing our profits. Which by the way are slim to begin with. And as an FYI, those of us in Ag are price takers, we cannot raise a price like a Walmart can. All this is in the name of climate change. I agree that the climate is changing, it always has and always will. Like in 1970 when Time magazine proclaimed, "The Coming Ice Age". We have very little control over the change. Your punishment of New Mexico people with these mandates are not going to affect the global climate. Especially when Russia and China do nothing. Think about the people you are supposed to represent, do not think about a political agenda.

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