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I OPPOSE adoption of the ACCII EV Mandates in Albuquerque and New Mexico. My reasons are: (1) The EV mandate is unnecessary for good air quality in Albuquerque. Albuquerque already has a vehicle emissions inspection program which has worked very well, and Albuquerque and Bernalillo County have been 100% attainment of all Federal Clean Air Act standards since 1996, thanks primarily to our vehicle inspection program. (2) By contrast the Los Angeles Basin in California has been a "non-attainment" area under Federal Clean Air Act standards since even before 1996, because of the unique problems of the L.A. Basin, specifically over 10-million people in the Basin and over 6-million motor vehicles in the Basin. This is why California has its own motor vehicle emission requirements. Because New Mexico does not have those California air quality problems, California vehicle emission requirements are not appropriate for New Mexico. (3) New Mexico and Albuquerque are economically poor compared with California, and the artificial scarcity in new internal combustion vehicles which will inevitably result from the ACCII EV Mandate and forced limits on sale of new ICE vehicles will drive prices on both new and used ICE vehicles through the roof (just as the shortage of vehicles did during the Covid lockdown, or more so), and this will especially hurt working families whose primary need is for a vehicle which meets their basic transportation needs with the most affordable upfront price possible. The artificial scarcity in new and used ICE vehicles which the EV Mandate will create will disproportionately hurt working families, because rich people will bid up the prices of the ICE vehicles which they want, or even go out of state to get what they want, while working families will find themselves without vehicles, with substandard vehicles, or with exorbitant car payments that will prevent spending on other necessities. I believe the ACCII rule is "PIE IN THE SKY" for rich people, and will have severe unintended consequences for working families, and does not satisfy a cost-benefit analysis considering that Albuquerque and Bernalillo County are already in 100% attainment of all Federal Clean Air standards with the vehicle inspection program we already have. Please do not impose this rule on us. Please let the market for EVs develop naturally in Albuquerque and New Mexico, not through an EV Mandate developed for California, a much different state. Please use good, clear and old-fashioned New Mexico thinking, and reject this ACCII EV Mandate. Please stick with what we already have, which is working fine today and will still be working fine tomorrow.