

B.A. Mann

I am a physician, a 43 year NM resident, and someone who fully accepts that science has unequivocally proven that human-caused global warming is an existential threat. I fully accept that the planet must drastically reduce carbon output. But this must be done realistically. Only the US (in toto), Russia, China, and India combined will ever solve the problem. Which means that as a state, NM must recognize that its impact can only do so much. The potential GOOD of these proposed rules is far, far outweighed by the potential bad (economics, daily lives) simply because there is no way NM can make this work in a short time frame. People in poverty can't afford EVs. People who commute hundreds of miles can't use EVs due to lack of infrastructure. Again, I'm totally supportive of the reduction of internal combustion engines--but the time frame must be more realistic, and must recognize that NM's contribution to the global crisis is small enough that we don't need to harm so many people's lives just to show how aware we are. Our greatest climate-related opportunity is solar. We should focus on that. This timeline for "elimination" of gas vehicles simply entrenches climate-deniers, hurts New Mexicans, and puts money in the pockets of Texans. Keep the idea; revise the timeline. Thank you for listening.