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Good Evening,

I would like to submit public comment in opposition to the proposed rules related to motor vehicle emission standards for new passenger cars, light and medium-duty vehicles submitted by the NRCM.

Propositions as drastic as this should be thoroughly examined and defended empirically prior to unabashed support with attractive sales pitches. The long-term and widespread ramifications on the state cannot be understated. Could the existing grid (which many may forget is primarily powered from fossil fuels - coal, natural gas, etc) support the demand a bill such as this would create? Where are the precious metals sourced for the batteries (i.e. cobalt)? Do they take into consideration humane working conditions of those who are mining the metals? What's the actual lifespan of the vehicles & batteries? Can they be effectively recycled?

These are just a handful of questions I think should be answered before we blindly follow the rules of another state. Are their policies working in measurable ways? If so, how much of a quantitative impact are they having? Has a cost/benefit analysis been performed? And most importantly in my mind, is California's middle & working class thriving under these policies?