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Given the fact that the EV technology has not been well proven to be a benefit, and that the charging infrastructure is nowhere near in place, and that EV's perform poorly in cold conditions, cost more, and cause a toxic disaster when the batteries catch on fire, among other drawbacks, I'd say it's definitely premature to require a transition from gas powered vehicles at this time.

Petroleum fueled cars have gone from 10- 12 mpg to 27 -36 mpg on average since the '70s. And they burn much cleaner than in the past, with cleaner fuel. They also perform well in harsh weather conditions. Not only is the situation not right for this transition but even when it is, if ever, it should be a matter of free choice for people to make, not something that is mandated by government.

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