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Dear Rules Committee,

This legislation is not only illogical, and poorly thought out, but also unConstitutional. You can not force the American people to purchase any product they don't want or need.

The Hertz Car Rental Company is currently selling their entire EV fleet due to reliability issues, high maintenance costs, and the dangers of EV battery fires.

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/markets/hertz-selling-20000-evs-from-fleet-to-reinvest-in-gas-powered-vehicles>

Ford Motor Company is shutting down fifty percent of its F150 Lightning EV truck line due to lack of customer demand, expense of purchasing, and long-term maintainability issues.

<https://www.businessinsider.com/ford-cuts-production-of-f150-lightning-cybertruck-rival-ev-demand-2023-12>

The mining of raw materials in Africa is nothing short of slave labor. Africans are being forced to move and leave their ancestral homes so the mines can be expanded. Furthermore, there is no EPA, OSHA or oversight protecting the forced labor of Africans with a high fatality rate in these mines. Then again, these are not the black lives you care about or able to politicize.

<https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2023/09/drc-cobalt-and-copper-mining-for-batteries-leading-to-human-rights-abuses/>

Lastly, I am an American, and I will not comply.

V/r

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