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I am against implementing this rule. I have many reasons not to support it among which I'll only cite two. The first of that we are nowhere near having an electrical infrastructure that can support this mandate. Off we are going to try to be like California then we should at least study their problems with this. They continually have tooling brownouts and we will as well, the biggest difference is we are more likely to have them during winter when it will affect the health and safety of many more people. Can you imagine not being able to use your oxygen machine do someone else can charge a car that no one wanted but was mandated by your government? And that brings me to the second thing I'd like to mention. This bill was brought by only 150 people. Our legislators are supposed to represent the majority of people in our state. This action does not do that. This is a unilateral action taken without the people's consent. It is an overreach of power by our governing bodies. The only right way to go about this would be to put it to a vote by the people who are supposed to Be represented. We have never asked for, nor do we want, our state officials to take our power from us to use as they see fit. We elect them, and expect them, to do the business that we the people want. We never elected anyone to be mom and dad and make our decisions for us. This is our state and they are supposed to represent our wishes. Not the wishes of only 150 people. There are many other concerning aspects including financial for auto dealers and customers alike but I'm sure you'll hear about them from others who are better able to elucidate on them than I am. I ask only that you do not pass this until all people in our state are given a fair chance to weigh in by way of the voting booth. Thank you for your attention in this matter.

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