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Dear Sirs, No Mandates of Blood Cars! Please register my comment opposing the mandates of Electric Cars. Since the storm of Dec. 18th and the week long power outages, owning an Electric car during this storm would have been a colossal mistake resulting in a loss of income and opportunity. Furthermore Science has been catching up with the effect of CO2 caused by internal combustion engines and it is clear that so called Climate change is caused by the disturbances in our Sun and Volcanic activity on our planet which is beyond our control. CO2 emissions have negligible effects on the planet except for increasing the growth of plant life on this planet as NSA has pointed out. In Addition Government mandates are dangerous and greatly diminish confidence in how the use of Science by Government Agencies approaches truth. The Covid 19 Mandates should make you understand that 'Science' is getting a really bad name from spurious decisions by government. Let me be clear, a mandate that will disrupt the automobile market and possibly damage the economy is a very bad idea. Do not make this mandate a rule and do not pass it to a politicized legislature. Let it die. In addition, the present mining of Cobalt in Katanga Congo (80% of the world's supply) comes to us by slave labor, child endangerment and murder. We must not produce another battery until these human rights abuses are stopped.