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Good afternoon,

What is the thought process behind mandating electric vehicles? All these solar and wind farms sound great to the uneducated person. The fuel used to build the farms, is dwarfed by the fuel and money used to extract the raw materials to build the actual solar panels. In 20 years, most of the panels will have to be replaced, as they have lost 30% of their efficiency. Throw on top of that, the fact that nearly ALL of our electricity, is derived from the burning of some sort of fossil fuels. 20% is produced from the burning of coal, the most inefficient and environmentally destructive fossil fuel we use. It's a scam, that isn't going to change anything, period. The technology is not there for a ¾ ton truck to haul a 4 place snowmobile trailer to Millinocket and back, without stopping and charging. Forget driving to the Florida Keys like I do twice a year. It would take me a week, instead of 28 hours. I will never own an electric vehicle, and our government has no business telling any of us what to buy with our money!!!! Take your cut in all the taxes, and let me make my own decisions with the rest I get to keep.

Respectfully,
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