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SENATE MEMORIAL 2

56TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2024

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD TO REPEAL THE
ELECTRIC VEHICLE MANDATE.

WHEREAS, climate change is a credible concern and New
Mexico should be part of the solution; and

WHEREAS, the environmental improvement board recently
adopted an electric vehicle mandate that has created a serious
concern for many New Mexico residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the new rule requires that beginning in 2026,
forty-three percent of all vehicles delivered to New Mexico for
sale must be zero-emission vehicles, with the percentage
increasing each year until 2032, when eighty-two percent of all
vehicles delivered for sale in New Mexico must be zero-emission
vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the mandate was enacted without the support of a

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1 majority of the environmental improvement board; and

2 WHEREAS, the United States and western Europe have made
3 significant reductions in carbon dioxide emissions; and

4 WHEREAS, China and India have made significant increases
5 in carbon dioxide emissions; and

6 WHEREAS, New Mexico's contributions to carbon dioxide
7 levels are insignificant, and less than one percent of New
8 Mexico's emissions are attributed to personal transportation;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, as many as one-third of the homes on the Navajo
11 Nation do not have electricity available to charge an electric
12 vehicle and most have inadequate infrastructure to support the
13 charging of electric vehicles; and

14 WHEREAS, most rural communities in New Mexico cannot
15 provide adequate infrastructure to support residential electric
16 vehicle charging or public charging stations, and many areas
17 within metropolitan centers cannot support residential electric
18 vehicle charging on any reasonable scale; and

19 WHEREAS, it is inevitable that many potential purchasers
20 of new vehicles will choose to buy from out-of-state automobile
21 dealerships, resulting in a significant loss of jobs and income
22 and the likely closure for New Mexico automobile dealerships;

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE
24 OF NEW MEXICO that the environmental improvement board be
25 requested to immediately repeal the recently enacted electric

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1 vehicle mandate; and

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the environmental improvement
3 board be requested to take no future actions concerning
4 electric vehicles without first conducting an extensive
5 analysis of the feasibility of electric vehicle use in New
6 Mexico and the potential damage to businesses and the economy;
7 and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
9 transmitted to the environmental improvement board.