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Most people aren't asking for the world. They're just trying to make the best decisions they can with the options they have.

That's what makes this mandate so troubling. It doesn't give people more options—it takes them away. It tells them what kind of car they can buy, when they have to switch, and what counts as “acceptable,” even if their budget, location, or daily reality says otherwise.

For many working families, these decisions aren't theoretical. They're practical. If a policy makes life harder for people already facing tight margins, it's worth asking: Who does this really serve?

We all want a cleaner future. But the path forward has to be one that people can walk—not one they're pushed down with no say in the matter.

I ask you to consider the real-world impact this rule will have, and to choose a better, more inclusive way forward.

Thank you for your time,  
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