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Climate justice isn't just about emissions—it's about people. And this mandate hurts the ones who are already struggling the most.

It may look like bold climate action on paper, but it puts real pressure on working families, rural residents, and anyone living paycheck to paycheck. People who don't have garages, who can't afford a new EV, who rely on their current vehicles to survive. This is not how we build a better future.

Policies that force sweeping changes without giving people a path forward aren't brave. They're harmful. And the people being hurt are the ones already left behind by our economy. This is how trust is broken.

If you want to lead with fairness, if you want a climate policy that actually helps people—you must reject this rule.

With urgency,
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