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Chair Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, and members of Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for the chance to provide testimony on Senate Resolution 155, to urge support for consumer choice in the automotive marketplace by neither mandating nor prohibiting the purchase of specific automotive technologies. We are urging the Biden administration to ensure that all regulations put forward by the U.S EPA are to protect Americans by being both economically practical and feasible, which means preventing electric vehicle mandates.

Senate Resolution 155 urge support for consumer choice in the automotive marketplace and against any government-preferred vehicle technology that will negatively harm Ohio citizens by requiring them to transition to all-electric vehicles.

Drastic public policy changes on climate have now accelerated during the current administration and have set the nation on an unsustainable path when it comes to the automotive marketplace. The Biden White House lists on the main webpage that a goal of the administration is to have '50 percent of all new electric vehicle sales be electric by 2030'¹. Not only does the administration fail to realize that because of this goal, prices on all new cars are significantly increasing, crippling families who are unable to afford the steep prices, but also they are drastically changing automotive manufacturing.

These policies are not just contained to the federal government anymore; rather they have begun to filter down to the state level.

California has been pursuing radical new electric vehicle mandates that will ban the sales of internal combustion engines in as soon as 2035². California is not the only state. Both Massachusetts and New York have enacted legislation that bans the new registrations of internal combustion engine light duty vehicles starting in 2035³. These unreasonable restrictions and goals continue on to other states. New Mexico, Michigan, and another half

1. "Fact Sheet: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Private and Public Sector investments for Affordable Electric Vehicles." The White House, 17 April 2023, <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/04/17/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-new-private-and-public-sector-investments-for-affordable-electric-vehicles/>
2. "Freedom to Fuel: Consumer Choice in the Automotive Marketplace." Consumer Energy Alliance, 2023, https://consumerenergyalliance.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CEA_EV_REPORT_2023.pdf
3. "Freedom to Fuel: Consumer Choice in the Automotive Marketplace." Consumer Energy Alliance, 2023, https://consumerenergyalliance.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/CEA_EV_REPORT_2023.pdf

dozen states have been exploring goals that would cripple the automotive marketplace and at the end of the day, families.

The federal government and a multitude of other states want to force unreasonable restrictions down upon the country as they are working towards mandating electric vehicles. That is right, the federal government wants to tell you what you can and cannot drive.

What you will not hear from those pushing these radical mandates is how much they will cost. A recent report shows that the average cost to purchase and maintain a new electric vehicle in 2021 would be nearly \$50,000 more than a combustible engine vehicle over a ten-year period⁴. Not only are new electric vehicles on average more expensive, coming in at greater than \$58,000, but you also have increased prices due to charging, maintenance, and higher insurance premiums. How can a single mom of four afford that? How can the average American afford that? These mandates hit the low-income consumers particular hard. For example, those living in apartments - where are they going to charge? If they can't charge at home, where will need to travel to charge and how long will they have to wait to charge? And, for people who travel long distances, stopping to charge in the middle of a drive is unreasonable. On top of that, the infrastructure is not in place for the additional demands on the grid these mandates would cause.

To be clear, the mandating of electric vehicles is dangerous and will strain the citizens across our country who have are also battling record levels of inflation. I am all for competition and innovation in the automotive marketplace, but market forces should drive decisions, not government mandates, which will have negative, far-reaching impacts.

Chair Kunze, thank you for allowing me to discuss this important issue for Ohio and our nation. I would be happy to answer any questions.

4. "Overcharged Expectations: Unmasking the True Costs of Electric Vehicles." Texas Public Policy Foundation, October 2023, https://www.texaspolicy.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/2023-10-TrueCostofEVs-BennettIsaac.pdf?_hstc=123760149.0b6c4a768d8814345847cae6a32008e7.1693587828998.1698185365265.1698235788581.87&_hssc=123760149.10.1698235788581&_hsfp=2439428725