

1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12

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6 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
7 MONTANA REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS REMOVE ANY REQUIREMENTS OR
8 OBLIGATIONS TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.
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10 WHEREAS, in 2021, President Joe Biden signed an executive order establishing an Electric Vehicle
11 mandate for new passenger cars and light trucks; and

12 WHEREAS, Montanans use and rely on gas-powered vehicles for personal, business, and recreational
13 purposes; and

14 WHEREAS, Montana is considered a frontier state due to the largely rural nature of Montana towns
15 and other lands; and

16 WHEREAS, the average range of an Electric Vehicle falls between 110 and 300 miles; and

17 WHEREAS, current availability of electric charging stations is intermittent across the state of Montana.
18 Those electric charging stations that are available are commonly within city limits or urban areas.
19 Consequently, Montanans may be prevented from traveling significant distances in an expeditious manner
20 around Montana in an Electric Vehicle; and

21 WHEREAS, the surface and quality of Montana's backroads and gravel roads often requires vehicles
22 with four-wheel drive, hydraulic lift, or other forms of all-terrain capability. At present, the availability of Electric
23 Vehicles with all-terrain capacities is prohibitive; and

24 WHEREAS, the payload or hauling capacity of Electric Vehicles is often lower than their gas-powered
25 counterparts due to the additional weight of the charging and battery systems; and

26 WHEREAS, Montana experiences harsh weather conditions, which often include times of extreme cold;
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28 WHEREAS, Electric Vehicles can lose up to 40% of their range in cold weather; and

WHEREAS, Electric Vehicles may be unsuitable and unusable in Montana; and

WHEREAS, requiring Montanans to purchase Electric Vehicles may prevent Montanans from traveling, hauling and moving goods, obtaining goods and services, conducting business, and participating in personal and recreational activities; and

WHEREAS, requiring the purchase of Electric Vehicles may interfere with government services and may increase costs for local government services and state government services; and

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump recently signed an executive order to eliminate the Electric Vehicle mandate and to promote true customer choice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana thanks President Donald Trump for his actions to eliminate the Electric Vehicle mandate.

(2) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana believes Montanans should have the freedom to decide whether to purchase an Electric Vehicle or a gas-powered vehicle.

(3) That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana asks the United States Congress to eliminate all Electric Vehicle mandates and allow the people of Montana to purchase the type of vehicle that best fits their needs and uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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