

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-20
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF RIO BLANCO COUNTY,
COLORADO

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF RIO
BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO, OPPOSING THE
ZERO EMISSION VEHICLE RULE**

WHEREAS individuals and the families located within Rio Blanco County are in the best position to determine how to most effectively allocate their time and resources according to their specific needs; and

WHEREAS, government incentives and mandates compel individuals to make choices they otherwise may not, resulting in market distortions and economic inefficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the elimination of undue government support for specific products creates free and fair markets that both meet public demand and serve public good through innovation; and

WHEREAS, proposed ZEV (Zero Emission Vehicle) rule is required to be incorporated word-for-word from the California State Code into the Colorado State Code without any opportunity for revisions; and

WHEREAS, Colorado already has more electric vehicles than all of the other states that comply with the ZEV rule, except for California and New York, thus negating the need for a mandate; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's primary electricity generation source is coal, which will offset many of the stated environmental goals of a ZEV mandate; and

WHEREAS, several Colorado-based utilities have set GHG reduction goals, which are aspirational, unenforceable, and influenced by regional considerations beyond Colorado's borders; and

WHEREAS, statewide electricity use will increase by 27% by 2050 in order to meet a high plug-in vehicle (PEV) use scenario; and

WHEREAS, utilities will collect as much as \$189 million in net revenue for PEV (plug in electric vehicle) charging, while passing along these increased costs associated with a massive increase in electricity generation to Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, plug-in hybrid electric vehicles and battery electric vehicles, due to their fuel or propulsion systems, use little or no liquid fuels and therefore do not contribute to the tax revenue used for road construction and maintenance; and

WHEREAS, an EPA (environmental protection agency) and NHTSA (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration) study identified the significant "technology cost burden" of electrified vehicles requires cross-subsidization, inflating the prices of pick-up trucks, SUVs, and other conventional vehicles to offset the losses from the sales of ZEVs; and

WHEREAS, a AAA study found that cars using their heating system at use at 20°F decreased driving range for ZEVs by 41%; and

WHEREAS, Rio Blanco County frequently experiences significant cold weather during the winter months with temperatures ranging from 10°F to -40°F; and

WHEREAS, Rio Blanco County is a geographically isolated rural community and only has one Electric Charge Hub Station located on the eastern side of Rio Blanco County, in the town of Meeker, Colorado, and no Electric Charge Hub Stations located in the western side of the County, or the Town of Rangely; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission will only hold one hearing on the proposed rule in Glendale, even though this rule will have enormous impacts throughout the state;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that as part of a free society based on individual economic agency, the Board of County Commissioners of Rio Blanco County, Colorado, specifically opposes efforts to impose government mandates related to zero emission vehicles in the State of Colorado.

DULY MOVED, SECONDED, AND PASSED ON A VOTE OF 3 FOR AND 0 AGAINST, THIS 9th DAY OF AUGUST, 2019.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF
RIO BLANCO COUNTY, COLORADO

ATTEST:


Boots Campbell
Clerk to the Board

By 
Jeff Rector, Chairman




Si Woodruff, Commissioner


Gary Moyer, Commissioner