

EVIDENCE EXHIBITS

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EXHIBIT A SOCIAL POST

@stopthemandatenow · posted 10:08 AM · shared 12,400 times

"A peer-reviewed study PROVES electric vehicle batteries produce MORE emissions than gas cars. So why is the state forcing this mandate on us? Read the research, not the talking points"

EXHIBIT B PRODUCT WEBPAGE

• stopthemandatenow.example/the-research

STOP THE MANDATE The Issue The Research Take Action

The Research Is In: EV Batteries Emit More.

✓ CONFIRMED BY A PEER-REVIEWED STUDY

vehicleemissionsresearch.example/ev-battery-findings

"The study the mandate's supporters ignore" — Drivers First Digest

EXHIBIT C BLOG ARTICLE

driversfirstdigest.example · posted 7 days before the viral post

Headline: "Do EV Batteries Really Pollute More? A New Study Weighs In." Excerpt: "Stop the Mandate points to a peer-reviewed study modeling emissions from electric and gas vehicles, highlighting its finding that EV batteries produce more emissions than gas cars — without mentioning what the study found after that." A link under "the study" leads to Exhibit D.

EXHIBIT D PRESS RELEASE

stopthemandatenow.example/press · issued 5 weeks before the blog article

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE — Stop the Mandate cites a peer-reviewed study modeling the emissions footprint of electric vehicles. "The study confirms EV batteries produce more emissions than gas cars — that's the science," said the group's spokesperson. The release does not mention the time period this finding applies to, and does not state what the study found about cumulative emissions over a vehicle's full lifetime.

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EXHIBIT E

CITATION

Referenced in Exhibits C and D as "a peer-reviewed study modeling emissions from electric and gas vehicles"

Sadavarte P, Shindell D, Loughlin D.

Comparing the climate and air pollution footprints of Lithium-ion BEVs and ICEs in the US incorporating systemic energy system responses.

PLOS Climate. 2025;4(10):e0000714.

DOI: 10.1371/journal.pclm.0000714

A record with this title, journal, and DOI can be looked up directly. Check how long the emissions gap between EVs and gas cars actually lasts, and what happens after that — then compare that to how Exhibits C and D describe it.