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The Trump administration is giving gas powered vehicles a boost. They announced a rollback of a Biden era rule aimed at making cars more fuel efficient while encouraging a switch to electric vehicles.

>> What the president is doing is saying, listen, we're going to have our automakers make vehicles that the American people want to buy, not vehicles that Washington wants to force them to build. And giving freedom to the American people is, is what I think the mission should be. And we will save over \$1,000 per vehicle.

>> The previous rule aimed for a mileage standard of 54 miles per gallon for cars. By 2031, the rollback will move that to an average of about 34.9 miles per gallon. Duffy said the old standard wasn't one that gas powered vehicles could meet.

>> But the truth is, I want to give the American people a choice. And if they want to buy an EV God love them. You can buy an EV. If you want to buy a hybrid, you can buy a hybrid. But if you if you want to buy a Hemi, good on you, too.

>> While the Trump administration touts a potential savings of more than \$1,000 on car manufacturing, drivers are seeing gas prices squeeze their wallets at the pump. Now, average prices for the month of September have reached record highs. Affordability concerns have been a constant attack point for Democrats against Republicans heading into the November elections.

>> Donald Trump's reckless and costly war of choice in Iran, which has skyrocketed gas prices.

>> Multiple states have pitched gas tax holidays ahead of the midterms. **Meanwhile, environmentalists have slammed the rollback. In a statement, the *center for***

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