



They're comin' for your cars

The Left's anti-car push & how toll taxes rob your freedom to travel

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Freedom to Travel Under Assault

Used to be unbridled toll taxes were the problem, but now...

- California-style '**road diet**' being imposed in every corner of the state.
- **Radical environmental agenda** driving these anti-car policies.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion** (DEI) initiatives being forced into transportation decision-making.
- Systematic effort to shrink auto capacity and make driving *miserable* enough to get you out of your car.

Tolls as a means of control

- Fairfax County, VA is now issuing **\$94 tickets for taking back roads** to avoid paying **\$44 ONE WAY** in tolls.

“...’failure to obey a highway sign’ penalty on drivers who turn onto a neighborhood road **without a permit** during designated times. These permits are **only granted to the owners of homes** within the ‘primary use area’ of the neighborhood.”

(Source: *TheNewspaper.com*, 12/13/19)

'Safe Drivers Act' in U.S. Senate

- A Senate bill (filed during 116th Congress in 2019-2020) would create a **real-time national driver surveillance program** that would allow law enforcement to know anything and everything about a driver at the click of a button.

(Source: WCVB-TV channel 5 Boston & Phil Stock World.com, 10/01/19, 10/13/19)

- According to *The Salem News*, this bill would also give law enforcement, **real-time alerts of every driver**.
- Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker (a Republican) has also called for the creation of a **nationwide system** to alert states when one of their drivers **incurs a violation** that could **trigger a suspension in another jurisdiction**.

DRIVER TRACKING

- This **National Driver Surveillance System** would link core highway safety databases of various states together or with other data systems within a state, including systems that contain **medical, roadway, and economic data**.
- By storing and tracking everything a motorist has ever been involved in, it would turn **every driver** into a **suspected criminal**.

COMMUNITIES WITHOUT CARS

HEADLINE:

New Arizona Development Bans Residents From Bringing Cars

(SOURCE: WSJ, 11/19/19)

- Culdesac Tempe, a 1,000-person rental development, **won't allow residents' personal cars to be driven or parked on site.**
- Developer **negotiated its way out of the required parking spots** (typically require one parking spot per unit), 'by prioritizing a host of other transportation options like **scooters, bikes, and ride share** programs.'

BAN ON CARBON VEHICLES IN WA

HEADLINE:

Washington enacts plan to ban non-electric cars by 2030

(SOURCE: *The Blaze*, 3/29/22)

- Claims it's to **combat climate change**.
- ‘...to move us away from the transportation system our grandparents imagined and towards the...**system our grandchildren dream of.**’ - Gov. Inslee.
- **COLTURA** is the lobby group that got it passed.
- Lawmakers confirm the 2030 target is to eventually ‘**get rid of any vehicle that uses gasoline in Washington.**’

BAN 90% OF ALL CARS

HEADLINE:

The WEF Wants to Reduce **Car Ownership by 90 Percent and Nudge People Into Eating Plants and Bugs**

(SOURCE: *American Greatness*, 7/29/22)

- WEF wants to dramatically **reduce meat consumption & cars** on the road.
- The globalists say need to **eliminate car ownership** to reduce reliance on critical metals in the coming years.
- “More sharing can **reduce ownership** of idle equipment and thus material usage...”
- “Imagine wider, less congested streets with **more room for pedestrians and bicycles**, clean air, much less global warming, shorter commutes...”
- “The WEF also advocates that people stop consuming meat and **instead eat insects**, algae, lentils, fonio, okra, moringa, spinach, mushrooms, and cactuses to lower their ‘carbon footprints.’”

VISION ZERO:

Houston's plan to **FORCE** a 'road diet'

- To **force** drivers out of their cars and into mass transit.
Nanny state big government policies of California and New York made it to Texas through our big city mayors.
- Created by **Swedish activists** trying to impose a socio-political ethic in transportation.
- The UN adopted it under its **sustainable development agenda** and globalists are pushing it into every city in the US.
- Tied it to **social justice** and **public health** to further regulate, lobbying to tie all future increases in road funding to mass transit to **divert road taxes to transit.**

VISION ZERO continued

Houston's **Vision Zero** includes:

- **Widening sidewalks** by 50 miles per year.
- Increasing **bike lanes** by 25 miles a year.
- **Slowing speed limits** within city limits by lobbying the state to reduce the default speed limit on city residential streets to 25 miles per hour and on all other city streets to 30 miles per hour.
- **Narrowing streets** and lanes available to cars to deliberately slow traffic to force drivers to leave their cars and use mass transit.

VISION ZERO

Houston Mayor **Sylvester Turner** admits:

"When the buses and the trains are going faster than the cars and the trucks, people **will exit the cars** and the trucks and use the buses and the trains."

Ditch your car - bike or walk

SA Climate Plan

#11 CONNECTIVITY / WALKABILITY

- Accelerate connectivity and walkability by prioritizing, the funding and construction of infrastructure for **micro-mobility modes such as biking and other human-powered transportation** with an emphasis on the protection of vulnerable road users.

Removing Lanes in TX

HOUSTON

- A section of **11th Street** near downtown Houston is slated to be shrunk to give lanes cars use today over to cyclists, pedestrians, green belts.

SAN ANTONIO

- **Broadway**, also known as SH lanes currently **open to cars would be reduced** (from 6 to 4) to make way for bikes, pedestrians and green spaces.
- Because it's a state highway, Abbott's Transportation Commission Chairman, Bruce Bugg, who lives there, put a stop to it and **state took over jurisdiction**.
- However, the **city-owned portion** of Broadway will commence with lane reduction down to **two lanes** for autos.

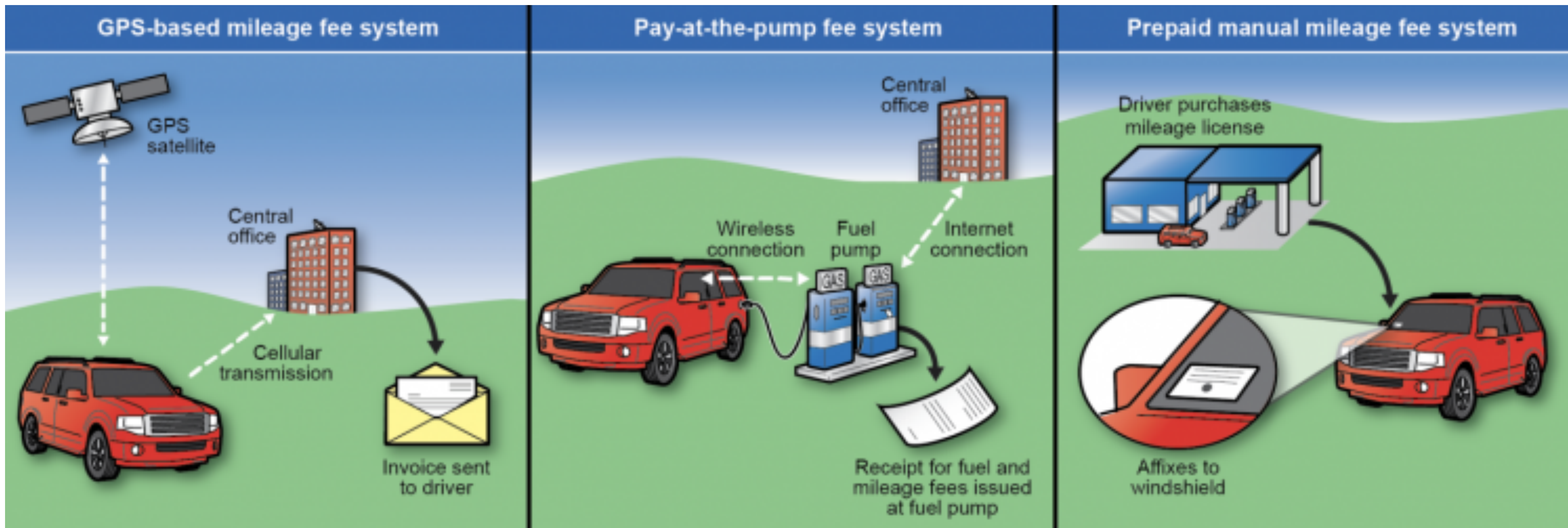
SOURCE: The San Antonio Report, "TxDOT gives cold shoulder to San Antonio's latest plan to remake Broadway," 8/2/22

CHARGE BY MILE TAX

HEADLINE: Infrastructure Bill Gives Feds Go-Ahead to Test Taxing Every Mile Americans Drive

- Pilot program to demonstrate & gain acceptance for a national motor vehicle per-mile user fee. To spend **\$10 million**/yr through 2026.
- Require the Treasury Department to establish a **mechanism to collect motor vehicle per-mile user fees** from the participants.
- **\$105 billion in NEW spending** on competitive grants over which Buttigieg has the final say.
- GOP delegates soundly rejected any sort of mileage tax (added to 2022 platform).
- **Must retain House Ways and Means power to tax**, not cede it to DOT bureaucrats!

Source: *Epoch Times*, 8/3/21



SOURCE: "HIGHWAY TRUST FUND Federal Highway Administration Should Develop and Apply Criteria to Assess How Pilot Projects Could Inform Expanded Use of Mileage Fee Systems," GAO Report to Congressional Committees, January 2022, p.7.

Track your carbon usage

HEADLINE: Americans Likely to Be Tracked for CO2 Emissions Under SEC's New Climate Rule

By Harry Lee, *The Epoch Times*, July 24, 2022

- Consumer group warns our CO2 emissions data will be collected and **reported to the government** in the near future based on new SEC rule.
- Requires these companies to **estimate the carbon output** of the use of their product by **the consumer**.
- “Let’s say you bought an internal combustion engine lawnmower. The lawn mower company will need to know how many times you mow your lawn...And so you could see how this starts to lay the groundwork for scoring actual individual people’s activities.”

Track your carbon usage

- A FICO analyst, Doug Craddick, predicted that in 2022 “there will be an increased focus on developing new data assets such as **individual carbon profiles**.” FICO is a consumer credit rating agency.
- “Over the longer term, we expect that **ESG and climate risk evaluations** will become **an integral element of credit risk** and affordability assessments,” added Craddock.
- “I think it is highly likely...you’re going to see financial institutions start to use a **personalized social credit score** of some kind to make decisions about things like your access to loans, your interest rate, or whether you’re eligible for insurance coverage,” — Justin Haskins, director at The Heartland Institute.

Track your carbon usage

- The proposed rule is an ESG-style policy and ESG scores are “similar” to China’s **social credit scores**.
- China’s social credit system is notorious for quickly advancing from a banking and financial credit rating tool to a **comprehensive government surveillance system**.





DISTRACTION	30
ANGER	100
MOUTH OPEN	100
EYE CLOSURE	0
JOY	0

States to report carbon emissions to feds

"The Federal Highway Administration and the Department of Transportation proposed new regulations in July requiring states to measure carbon dioxide emissions 'associated with transportation' and report those figures to the federal government. States will be required to establish emissions targets aligned with 'national policy' established by Biden's **climate-related** executive orders."

SOURCE: "Electric Car Drivers: Why You Might Not Be Pumped Over Privacy-Jolting Mileage Taxes,"
By Eric Felten, *Epoch Times*, August 3, 2022.

Remote KILL Switch in Cars

HEADLINE: Joe Biden is Threatening our Freedom of Movement

- Biden Infrastructure Bill includes a **remote KILL switch** in all cars after 2026.
- Automotive-related freedoms, including access to fuel, allow us to be free to move without the permission of silicon valley and the federal government.
- These corporations can sell you a product for tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars, then prevent you from using them.
- Worse yet, if the law is not challenged or repealed, these kill switches will have a **“back door”** that **allows government agencies to shut your vehicle off remotely** as well.
- **Right to repair** is also an important issue. It is a critical component of our ability to maintain freedom of movement. Right to repair ensures that we are able to hire independent professionals to repair our vehicles.

(SOURCE: Russell, Levi, 'Joe Biden is Threatening our Freedom of Movement,' Real Clear Energy, May 10, 2022)

Buttigieg: 'Roads are Racist' Plan

- Buttigieg's **Reconnecting Communities** \$1 billion project aims to *reunify historically black neighborhoods divided decades ago* when the interstate highway system was developed and restore the civic pride that comes with safe and beautiful green spaces.
 - The pilot program allows municipalities to apply for funding for:
 - Mass transit lines
 - **Green spaces built on top of roadways**, known as freeway lids or "caps"
 - Repurposing defunct rail lines
 - Possibly rerouting or **partially removing highways**.
- >> Targeted areas include New Orleans, **Houston**, Tampa, and perhaps Nashville.

“There is racism
physically built into
some of our highways.”

-Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg
November 2021, ‘Reconnecting Communities’ speech

“Every transportation decision is **inherently**, in many ways, a decision about equity.”

-Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg
January 2022

“Ensuring **equity** and accessibility for every member of the traveling public is one of the [the Department of Transportation’s] **highest priorities.**”

-Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg
April 2022

Buttigieg's tone deaf push for EVs

- Can't afford gas or inflation?

Get an electric vehicle (\$40,000-\$100,000)

- Buttigieg wants to divert road funds to pay for high speed rail in TX (Houston to Dallas, boondoggle).

Wants to limit expansion of highways and force people into public transit where they can force vaccines and masks.

EVs take too long to charge

HEADLINE: Journalist attempts road trip in electric car, ends up spending more time charging than sleeping.

- *Wall Street Journal* reporter **Rachel Wolfe** recently ventured from New Orleans to Chicago, in a brand-new Kia EV6 to test America's current electric vehicle capabilities.
- Never again. Well, at least not for awhile, Wolfe would likely say if someone asked her to make a lengthy EV road trip another time.
- Problems included: a shorter range than expected, **finicky charging cords**, **loads of slower-than-advertised charging stations**, and large swaths of the country without any "fast" charging stations at all, among other hardships.
- In the end, she **spent more hours waiting to charge than she did sleeping**.

(SOURCE: *The Blaze*, 06/07/2022)

Republicans hit back

During House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee hearing July 19, 2022. Rs hit back...

- Rep. **Thomas Massie** (KY) - Buttigieg supports Biden's goal to have **50% of cars be EVs by 2030**. In one year, it would **increase the average household's use of electricity 25 times** to charge their EV versus their refrigerator.

“Do you think it would strain the electric grid if every household plugged in **25 refrigerators**?” Buttigieg forced to answer **yes**. Massie cont., “We don't have the capacity to generate that much energy that we'll need **to make this fantasy work** by 2030.’

>> Noted average household would have to use **4xs as much energy** as they do on A/C for entire year to charge two EVs.

Republicans hit back

- Rep. **Scott Perry** (PA) - Revealed his average PA resident pays \$170/mo on electricity. To charge their cars, it would **increase their bill by \$90-\$100/mo!**

“Since 2010, **closed 550 power generation stations**. Scheduled to retire another 17 GW of coal fired capacity by 2025...while at same time increasing the grid requirements by 50%. None of that works. Ghana is turning their lights out because they followed this model we’re following right now.’

- Rep. **Brian Babin** (TX) - Opined, “Heard you push social justice and **racist highways** and **equity in transportation**, while ignoring the communities most effected by high gas prices are the people most **disproportionately oppressed** by high gas prices.”

Graves: Dems are lawless

- Rep. **Garrett Graves** (LA) - Authored the amendment to create criteria for allocating the highway funding in the Biden bill. Shocked to see Buttigieg replace his criteria with '**racial equity, climate change, and environmental justice**' totally flouting the law.

“You guys are just deciding the priorities **not** actually *in the law.*”

Right to Repair

HEADLINE: *Family learns unforgettable lesson when electric vehicle battery suddenly dies, replacement costs more than the car*

By Chris Enloe

The Blaze

July 18, 2022

- Family spent **\$11,000** on a used electric vehicle, a **Ford Focus**, a 2014 with 60,000 miles on the odometer.
- Stopped working. Dealer tells them replacement battery cost **\$14,000**.
- Worse, they no longer make that replacement battery (in 2022, vehicle only 8 yrs old). Offer them **\$500** to take it off their hands.

Right to Repair

- Levi Russell, professor of Applied Economics, says **repealing the remote kill switch** and **protecting right to repair** are crucial for property rights and freedom to travel.
- **Planned obsolescence of vehicles**, like your computer or iPhone, except now you've paid tens of thousands for the vehicle, and either a corporation or **govt. can stop you from using it.**
- Internal combustion vehicles, so far, are free of the sorts of nanny state controls that are **standard** on electric vehicles.
- Right to Repair is a **critical component of our ability to maintain freedom of movement.**

>>Ensures that we are able to hire independent professionals to repair our vehicles and other products rather than being forced to pay astronomical prices to manufacturers.

SOURCE: Real Clear Energy.org, "Joe Biden Is Threatening Our Freedom of Movement," By Levi Russell, 5/10/22

Right to Repair

HEADLINE: *The Era of 'the Car You Own Forever' Is Coming to an End*

By Mike Spinelli

MSN.com

April 29, 2022

- Honda announced it's changing to selling you **software**, not just **hardware**.
- Part of its **recurring revenue strategy**.

What he calls: '...the transition from being low-margin manufacturing businesses to **high-margin software businesses**.'

“...Apple's stock shot up as **recurring revenue** grew from zero to a quarter of its income, and the company plans to integrate **subscription services** even more broadly into its **hardware portfolio**. In the auto industry, a similar shift from a reliance on one-time vehicle sales to consistent, predictable aftersales earnings that extend into the future will coincide with the advent of the '**software-defined car**.'”

TxDOT in on the EV Action

- TxDOT will contract with private sector entities...to develop EV charging stations across the state.
- The federal law allocated **\$408 million** for Texas to create a network of charging stations.
- A multi-year plan to enable current and future drivers of EVs to confidently travel across the state for work, recreation, and exploration.
- TxDOT will submit the plan to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by August 1, 2022.
- TxDOT wants to start awarding contracts to **build charging stations in January 2023** and continue for the next five years.

(SOURCE: *The Texan*, 'Texas Department of Transportation to Create Statewide Network of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations,' June 27, 2022)

What does this all mean?

Threading the needle:

1. Using the **federal mileage tax**, they'll know where we go and how many miles we drive per month.
2. Through the **carbon emissions reporting**, they'll know how much 'carbon' we supposedly emit.
3. Through the **kill switch** and/or **obsolescence of cars or their parts**, they'll be able allocate you monthly carbon usage and when you go over your allotted amount, they'll be able to keep you from driving.

Plank to Preserve our Freedom to Travel

Plank 63 - Freedom to Travel: We oppose the Biden Infrastructure and Green Energy Plan that threatens our freedom to travel, **imposes a federal mileage tax**, as well as Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) or other social justice policies on Texas taxpayers and drivers.

We oppose anti-car measures that punish those who choose to travel alone in their own personal vehicle, and oppose any measure to impose “**road diet**” mandates designed to **shrink auto capacity and/or intentionally clog vehicle lanes** to force deference to pedestrian, bike, and mass transit options (whose users do not pay gas tax).

We urge the Texas Legislature to protect drivers from these **California-style, anti-driver policies** in Texas.

Toll Road Plank

Plank 65 - Toll Roads: We believe that tolls should come off the road when the debt is retired, and if the debt is ever restructured or refinanced, the pay-off date needs to remain the same.

Oppose -

- Public Private Partnership toll roads.
- Converting existing lanes into toll lanes.
- Taxpayer money subsidizing or guaranteeing toll loans.
- Any new hidden taxes, tolls, fees on driving/cars.

Support -

- Uniform, pro-taxpayer toll collection and billing process
- Cap on fines/fees.
- De-criminalizing unpaid toll bill.

Taxpayers FIRST

Top 3 priorities for the session are:

1 REMOVE TOLL ONCE ROAD IS PAID FOR

2 BROADEN TOLL COLLECTION REFORM

3 PREVENT BIDEN MANDATES (LIKE KILL SWITCH & ROAD DIET) FROM TAKING EFFECT IN TX

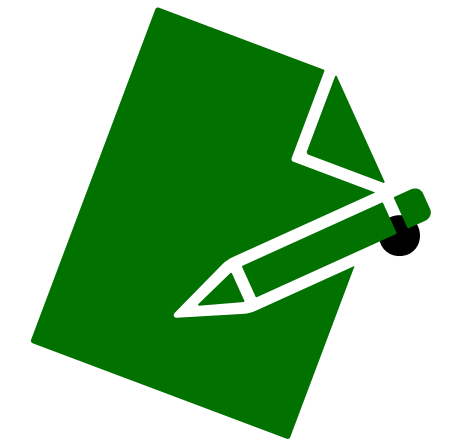


What can you do? Get involved!

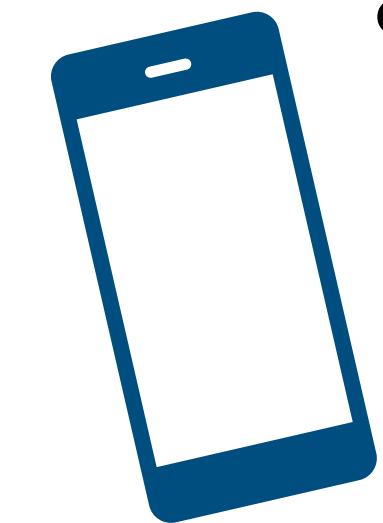


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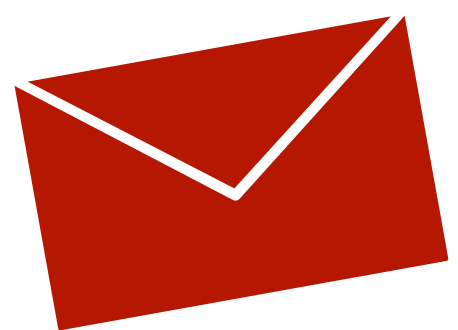
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