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For the record my name is Bob Anderson.

I own AJ'S Auto Repair just a few blocks from here so I have lived in the for profit world for 40 or so years. I think that sometimes gives a person a certain sense of logic.

It probably makes good sense that a new vehicle won't environmentally fail in it's first three years and if it does the owner will likely return it to the dealership for repair because it is covered under the warranty. After that all bets are off especially considering the economy and the related cost of repair. In my industry customers very often tell us not to spend any money figuring out why a vehicle's malfunction indicator lamp is on because the vehicle seems to run ok. Most vehicle components that are environmentally related are of course covered under warranty for up to 50000 miles. That is only the component and not the 5 plus miles of electrical circuits that send signals back and forth. That and several other reasons make people apprehensive to go in for testing if the vehicle still runs.

I ask my self questions like where is the logic behind the notion that a car consisting of over 25000 parts that come from all over the world that is assembled in part or in whole all over the world somehow miraculously wont fail and therefore won't need to be tested until it is 7 years old. My wife and I are now on our 3rd computerized coffee pot in as many years.

I some how miss the logic behind how it is that the manufacturer is required to build vehicles to a very

exacting environmental standard and yet somehow we are not environmentally responsible to ensure that these vehicles operate in that same fashion from cradle to grave.

It is hard for me to understand the reasoning behind why 17 entire states and 22 jurisdictions require annual or biennial vehicle inspection and in our state we test for emissions only and only in Portland and Medford.

My son lives in Texas and his vehicle is tested annually to assure that the engine is not polluting the air and is not leaking caustic fluids into their rivers and streams. We do not test for that at all in our state and it is a huge and entirely ignored problem.

Are we looking at how we minimize the duties of our states only two vehicle emission testing facilities and if we do that will we soon say that we no longer need them at all since now they don't seem to have much of a duty. Everyone understands that our state is out of money, however, logically I don't understand, I just can't see how it could possibly be cheaper to react to an environmental problem rather than to prevent the problem in the first place.