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As the government pursues collecting additional tax revenue and crafting more restrictive regulations, the residents of Washington deserve a moment of pause and consideration. As residents struggles with the highest inflation in more than 40 years, individuals are struggling to make ends meet. For those of us living on fixed incomes, even the annual maximum increases of property taxes are pushing families to the limit. While everyone desires a cleaner environment, pushing an arbitrary date for transition while ignoring the massive impacts now impacting residents is both short sighted and misguided. We are now at a point in time when residents can wait a year or more for an EV. Our infrastructure to support green energy, broadband access, and other utilities continues to be below acceptable standards in much of the state. Blindly pursuing a financial goal that experience has shown in every other state will increase costs creating further problems must be considered.