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- Take caution not to open attachments or links unless you know the sender AND were expecting the attachment or the link. Climate change is natural. Washington states contribution to it is VIRTUALLY ZERO, and you either need to educate yourself, or you already know this but are simply using this scam to extort more money and power from citizens. Government screws-up virtually EVERYTHING it touches. Cut the crap and DO NOT support this political-agenda driven bill. Of course, you're all Democrats, so OF COURSE you'll support it. Try re-reading your oath of office and DO YOUR DAMN JOB for once. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on rulemaking for Washington's new cap-and-trade program. I DEMAND that you NOT support this costly new policy that once again screws Washington families, small businesses and working people across our state. Studies estimate that this program could increase the cost to manufacture gasoline and diesel fuels by as much as 47 cents per gallon in 2023. (Cap and Trade Program Analysis, Washington Research Council, Memo on E2SSB 5126, June 6, 2022.) This is on top of record high fuel prices that consumers are already paying at the pump! Washingtonians are burdened enough right now with skyrocketing inflation and an economy that is still suffering the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. Gas prices in Washington state are already some of the highest in the nation. Many experts believe the goals set by this program are too unrealistic. In order to meet its goals the program relies on a total ban of new gas, diesel and hybrid vehicles by 2035 – starting in 2026 with a requirement that 35% of new vehicles sold in Washington must be electric vehicles. Surveys show that a majority of Washington voters believe the state legislature needs to go back to the drawing board and revise the Cap-and-Trade program to make sure it will work as intended without placing such enormous cost burdens on Washington families and businesses. ENOUGH! DO YOUR DAMNED JOB. Sincerely, Sean Lewis [sewlewis@yahoo.com](mailto:sewlewis@yahoo.com) 22125 284th Ave SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038, USA