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Why does the government feel the need to pick winners and losers? This is some of the most wrongheaded groupthink I have ever seen. The damage to the environment from the mining of rare earth minerals for making the batteries that go into these electric cars are far worse than the low emissions vehicles on the road today. Just because all of this mining has been farmed out to China doesn't mean that it doesn't affect the environment. These rule changes are some of the most shortsighted things we have ever seen from the government. We don't have the infrastructure in place to make this viable (grid, charging stations), the range of these vehicles is very limited, they have a very adverse effect on the environment, quick charging stations damage the batteries every time they are used, and rural communities will be the most affected by the changes. How do we farm our fields, move food and goods across the state, drive from Seattle to Spokane (or farther), etc.? You claimed to be following the science all the way through the pandemic, but you must have forgotten that mantra when it comes to electric vehicles. The science for this does not work.