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Subject: EV Mandate & Gas Engine Ban

I am voicing my concern regarding the costly and misguided energy proposal.

- **COST:** The EV mandate will cost consumers and businesses BILLIONS.
- **INFRASTRUCTURE:** There needs to be an infrastructure before implementing an EV mandate. How will there be enough charging places for renters in apartment buildings? How soon can all apartments, hotels and motels have charging stations? Creating the charging infrastructure to support this mandate will be expensive and could take years. It is obvious there is no current plan in place to initiate such an endeavor.
- **ELECTRIC GRID UPGRADES:** The cost of electric grid upgrades needed for new EV charging loads, are unknown and could be in the BILLIONS. Have the utility companies been consulted on the time and money it will take to upgrade their electric grids?

In summary, the proposed EV mandate and gas engine ban are unrealistic and unfair, will cost billions to implement, and will unfairly penalize rural communities and working families.

What we need are common sense solutions for cost-effective, sustainable fuel and transportation policies in a timely manner for Washington state. Let's be a leader; not a follower of California's impractical gas engine ban.