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I am emailing today in opposition of the new EV mandate and Gas Engine ban, based on the time line and current proposed implementation which will harm, Washington residents in the following ways,

- 1) Cost of EV are prohibitive for most families
- 2) The development and production of EV batteries is not sustainable. In many cases new batteries are needed within 8-10 years creating another cost burden.
- 3) Washington families should be free to choose the vehicle that works best for them and their families, after all, freedom of choice seems to be that which consumers utilize today in a free market society.
- 4) this mandate will create a definite hardship for low wage earning communities.

I do agree that we need to focus on solutions that contribute positively to our environment however, practical cost effective solutions must be developed that help accomplish the goal without harming the pocket books of Washington residents.