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While I am all for a cleaner environment, the proposed mandates do not achieve that goal. Perhaps in our area it might make a slight difference, but the truth is, we have some of the cleanest air in the nation - air pollution is simply not what should be concerning us right now and man-made global climate change is an unproven conclusion. As our nation plunges into yet another devastating recession, our priorities need to align with keeping jobs, easing transportation, supplying goods to our state easily and cheaply and understanding that mandating electric vehicles is simply not wise. For one thing, a huge swath of our population cannot afford an electric vehicle nor does the state have the infrastructure to provide electricity to charge the hundreds of thousands of new vehicles. Our shipping of goods relies on diesel fuel and diesel fueled trucks and there are millions of dollars already invested by businesses of all sizes in buying and maintaining their fleets. This would impact rental car companies negatively. This would impact gas station owners, those who supply, produce and ship gas, the whole automotive industry in terms of re-tooling factories. It never ends. This will cost businesses billions of dollars. It will cost consumers all across the state. It will put people out of work and it just will not accomplish what is desired. I strongly urge you to NOT adopt the proposed changes. This is not the time for this and it WILL do immense harm to our people and our economy.