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The proposed Zero Emission Vehicle mandate is bad policy, and over reach by a non-elected regulatory agency. The proposal would create huge burdens for rural residents where driving range is a priority. Current ZEV vehicles barely reach 300 miles of range under ideal conditions. According to multiple tests, winter weather, and towing would cut that range in half. ZEV are far more expensive than ICE vehicles, and the home charging equipment required for fast charging is \$5-6K. (110v charging is too slow to be usable). Public fast charging stations can not be built fast enough to support the influx of ZEV. Also the current designs of charging stations fail to accommodate towing. The real issue however, is this rule/policy/law should be instituted by the elected legislature, not the Department of Ecology. The economic and societal impact is too great to leave to unelected regulators.