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I am completely against the proposed rule to phase out new gas vehicles by 2035.

Major decisions like this one should be advanced by the legislature and decided by a vote of the people, not an unelected bureaucracy.

People are revolting against unelected bureaucrats that force edicts down our throats like covid vaccines that don't protect, low-flow showers that don't work, face masks that are a joke, light bulbs that don't light, etc.

If electric vehicles are a better choice, let the public make that decision on their own without electric vehicle subsidies or the force of law.

The current "climate change solution" is completely bogus and phasing out new gas vehicles will do virtually nothing to fix the alleged problem.

Electric vehicle batteries require massive mining to extract rare earth metals which severely damages the environment and makes us more dependent on communist China.

Also, there is currently no system in place to adequately recycle these batteries.

Furthermore, a substantial increase in electric car use will simply require more coal, oil, natural gas, nuclear energy and hydroelectric dams to generate the required electricity. All these power-production methods are opposed by the "climate change solution" activists, and wind and solar power will never be adequate to meet the demand.

Fossil fuels are an immense benefit to the world and should (and will) be with us for decades. They save lives and help all people on earth to lead healthier, happier lives.

Washington State should promote the use of fossil fuels. Let electric vehicles prove their worth in the marketplace on their own merit.

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