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While I am not opposed to EV and hybrid automobiles, where I live an EV is just not practical. We travel at least 35 miles to a decent grocery store, deal with snowy roads and closed mountain passes during the winter, and power outages during winter storms. Our electric grid in rural Kittitas County is not up to charging all the EVs that pass through town now, let alone if we are all required to have them. What is the state going to do to guarantee the infrastructure to support mandatory electric vehicles? We are years away from having the infrastructure to support them. Mandates like this must be supported by the infrastructure! And it is rather short sighted when disposal of the batteries is another problem! When electric vehicles can travel 250 miles, be recharged in 15 minutes, and not lose their charge when stuck at a standstill during winter storms, I'll buy one. But it should be a choice, not a mandate that isn't going to work or be practical for people living outside of big cities. We rural people should not be forgotten, but we sure feel as though we are.