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ACC II is critical in supporting the transition to EVs in San Juan County. Vehicle emissions threaten to destroy our fragile Island environment. They are causing ocean acidification which is destroying Western Washington's shellfish industry, one of our larger employers. Moreover, the cost of gasoline is considerably higher on the Islands than on the mainland. The cost of transportation relying on gas-powered vehicles makes it difficult for the working population that staffs our schools, banks, grocery stores to live on the Islands. This program is badly needed for our economy and our environment in San Juan County.