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I believe this proposed rule would be very harmful to the people of the State of Washington. The cost of electric vehicles is prohibitive for the average citizen. The materials and methods used for manufacture of batteries for these vehicles requires metals from China and much greater expenditure of energy than the already efficient production of gasoline powered vehicles. Disposal of those batteries is a serious environmental hazard. Batteries do not create energy, they store it. The electric power must be produced and distributed by either hydroelectric (a very clean source) or fossil fuel powered plants, the net result being little different from burning one of those fuels in the vehicle. I definitely oppose this ZEV rule.