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These comments are directed towards the proposed changes to Chapter 173-423 WAC ♦ Clean Vehicles Program, and Chapter 173-400 WAC, General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources.

Specifically, I'm concerned about the proposal for 35% of new passenger vehicles sold in Washington State to be all-electric vehicles by 2026, increasing to 68% by 2030, and 100% by 2035. I am a current owner of an all-electric vehicle (purchased in 2014), and I couldn't be happier. I am generally in favor of all-electric vehicles, but these transition dates are WAY TOO ambitious. I recommend delaying these deadlines by at least five years, so that we can better prepare for the huge increase in demand for electricity that will accompany these changes.

It is my firm belief that the policy makers of today are way overreacting to the greenhouse gas/climate change issue. Reduction of greenhouse gasses is an admirable goal, but it's just not that urgent.

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