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Requiring all cars and light duty trucks sold in Washington State to be all electric is absolutely one of the most important approaches to curbing the air pollution that is contributing not only to global warming, but to asthma, lung cancer, and other threats to the health of many Washingtonians, especially those living near freeways and in city neighborhoods. In addition, increasing the proportion of electric vehicles in Washington will slowly improve the ambiance of cities by making them quieter and cleaner. Instituting this policy should be just the first step in slowly changing the public's approach to transportation. The next should include further expanding light rail, and increasing the frequency of existing passenger rail service; for example, increasing the frequency of round trip express rail options on the N line from Mukilteo to Seattle. Electric and hydrogen power are the keys to a cleaner future, and very possibly a future at all for our descendants. As satisfied owners of an electric car, my husband and I fully support this policy.