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I am a 60yo female who will be retiring in 6 months. I am planning to travel full time in new 2025 Roadtrek Campervan built on a 2024 Dodge RAM Promaster van (Stellantis). I have put a large down payment on this from a dealer in Florida. I am a pro-environment voter and understand the benefits and intentions of this law, but establishing whether or not I will be able to register this vehicle in WA state has been an absolute nightmare. After several calls to multiple DMVs in King County it seems even those frontline folks are confused. Consumers need better clarity on whether or not Stellantis or other manufacturers are in compliance BEFORE they commit a huge portion of their life savings on an RV purchase. Online compliance data is only available up to 2023 model year. Additionally, campervans are typically built on the previous model years chassis. The chassis/engine is model year 2024, but the build out of the RV is 2025 model year. Common sense says the VIN of the Chassis should dictate eligibility since the law is focused on emissions, yet DMV folks "assumed" it would be the model year on the campervan/RV, which makes no sense. Now am am forced to GUESS whether or I can register this in WA. My options are to forfeit my \$10K deposit or commit another \$138K and take delivery of this campervan with "fingers crossed" that I can actually keep it (or be forced to sell my home and move to another state). We can not have ambiguity when it comes to life changing decisions like this. I know there must be many retirees struggling to navigate this new law. The state needs to supply data that will allow consumers to know that without any doubt they will or will not be able to proceed with these purchases. Notably, most consumers and dealers are clueless about these impacts.