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Washington State is not prepared for EV's and charging stations, we do not have enough charging stations because of thieves stealing the copper. So how are we going to deal with having to charge trucks in order to get a car much less semi off the road?

Instead of having truck manufacturers produce the equipment necessary for our industry, we are seeing them pull their business from Washington instead of retrofitting their factories to meet the demands that ACT and similar legislation requires. This puts our industry at a huge disadvantage as our specialty equipment cannot just be purchased at any dealer. Even if we could obtain suitable vehicles to meet the demand at this time, our state has not taken the necessary steps to implement the demand it will have on our electrical grids, nor is there enough access to the chargers to "charge" the level of demand that will be required across our state to keep Washington goods and services moving on the big truck scale. We are just not ready and we won't be 6 months from now.