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Repeated gas tax hikes have made Washington's fuel prices some of the highest in the nation. Now, unelected bureaucrats at the Department of Ecology want to keep tying Washington's trucking emissions standards to California's rules. All these regulations accomplish is to increase the cost of shipping, which adds to the cost of goods shipped, i.e., inflation. It has done nothing to lower CO2 (plant food) emissions. (In fact the Dept. of Ecology stopped tracking the effects of the CCA because they didn't like the numbers!) We do not need to follow California's hare-brained ideas. Just leave the "Clean Vehicles Program Rules" as they are and save us some tax money by firing the unelected bureaucrats who want to bankrupt us!