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It's time for our Governor to stop pointing fingers at the Federal Government and start owning the consequences of local policy decisions. Washington has now surpassed California in gas prices—a staggering milestone that cannot be blamed on federal oversight. This is a direct result of choices made at the state level.

Washingtonians deserve options. Whether we drive gas-powered or electric vehicles, we should not be penalized for our preferences. For those of us with low-interest car loans—mine is at just 0.31%—the push toward electric vehicles isn't financially viable. Why would I trade that for a new loan at 5% or higher? That's not savings, that's a setback.

The local government needs to take a hard look at how its policies are affecting everyday residents. Instead of deflecting blame, it's time to focus on solutions that support all Washingtonians—not just those who fit a narrow agenda.