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While I fully support clean energy initiatives and have significant concerns about human impact on climate I am equally concerned about the financial impact climate policies have on working families. The reality is many in our community cannot afford purchasing a BEV or Hybrid vehicle and have to rely on their ICE car or truck; public transportation may not be an alternative for them as well. Current funding policies such as the Climate Commitment Act need to be scrutinized for overall effectiveness as well as financial impact on the community. Our gas prices are currently some of the highest in the country and this further exacerbates our cost of living crisis in this state. Increased road taxes on luxury vehicles should be looked at as a more progressive tax approach.

Regards