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I am 100% opposed to this proposal. The EV technology is far from being ready to replace fossil fuels, if ever. Just looking at the obvious, the environmental impact of mining materials for batteries, the scarcity of those materials and their world distribution, and the environmental nightmare disposing of the used batteries are enough for me to say no. EV is not the lesser of the two evils. This proposal is putting the cart before the horse, you have no answers. Looking just a bit deeper, there is much more impact that is not accounted for. Let's start with aging and inadequate infrastructure to power these vehicles. We are already forced to curtail consumption on peak days. With the additional load, all days will suffer from shortages. Electric cars are roughly 1000lb heavier than equivalent fossil fuel cars. That means that car tire wear will increase significantly, creating a need to manufacture more tires, and the corresponding need to dispose of the worn tires. All the extra weight on the roads will increase the wear and tear of the roads, leading to more roadway infrastructure repairs. Both of those have a significant environmental impact that's being ignored. EV is a developing technology, a steppingstone and not a long-term solution. The depth of the politically driven thinking that went into this proposal reminds me of another legislative fiasco, the declaring of natural gas fired Bloom boxes as a renewable source of energy. The result was that the value of the SRECs dropped to a fraction of what it was. So, how are they working out for you? How are all those jobs these lies were supposed create? More recently, you stopped the carryover of excess generation from resident's solar panels. On one hand you claim that you are concerned about the environment, but at the same time you handicap citizens generating solar power, as well as discourage new installations by pushing the payback point further down the road. Please stop catering to the boisterous well-meaning but uninformed political factions and follow real science.