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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft plan for Washington's use of the VW mitigation funds. As written, the plan may achieve two critically important goals:

- 1) Achieve healthy air in communities that have historically borne a disproportionate share of air pollution, and
- 2) Accelerate the deployment of all-electric engines.

During the implementation of the plan, I strongly urge you to consult with environmental justice and public health stakeholders in order to achieve these goals. Communities of color and low-income households face significant social and economic barriers to accessing clean air.

Furthermore, as you explore funding projects that qualify for matching funds, please remember those communities that may not be able to offer a match but still have an acute need for air quality improvements.

I urge you to include Governor Inslee's Executive Order 14-04 in the plan, which requires state agencies to include the cost of carbon emissions in cost-benefit analyses for public fleet purchases.

As a member of the Washington Environmental Council, I look forward to staying engaged in the plan as it moves forward.