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Dear Mr. Grice,

Washington made history by passing the country's strongest law capping carbon pollution, the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). As a resident of the state, I am eager to see the benefits including deep reductions in climate pollution, improved air quality, investments in clean transportation and clean energy, community benefits with investments in overburdened communities, and much more. In order for the CCA to be truly transformational for Washington and act as a model for other states, it is critical that the proposed rules do the following.

CCA rules must maintain the integrity of the cap, and its role in reducing overall emissions per the greenhouse gas emission limits that the Washington Legislature established. The people of Washington must be able to trust that this program will be executed faithfully, per the law and the established rules.

CCA investments must prioritize significant improvements in air quality of overburdened communities, per the CCA requirement that a minimum of 35% of overall investments directly benefit these communities. These investments must be thoughtfully designed with community input to ensure benefits are meaningful.

CCA's implementation process must collaborate with the Environmental Justice (EJ) Council and with overburdened communities. The rule should provide more clarity on how the Council and communities will be engaged in the development and implementation of the full program. Ecology should work with the EJ Council to determine the best processes for collaboration.

Thank you for considering my comments.