

# DENISE ATTWOOD

Dear Mr. Grice,

We are at an amazing threshold and Washington made an important step by passing the country's strongest law capping carbon pollution, the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). This legislation is not only important to me as a resident of this beautiful state, but as a person eager to see steps toward working to heal our climate crisis to benefit the world. I truly believe these steps forward will create a better living economy for all as well as deep reductions in pollution. However, for the CCA to be truly transformational for Washington and act as a model for other states and nations, it must:

1) maintain the integrity of the cap in order to achieve our greenhouse gas limits and improve air quality, especially in overburdened communities. We must ensure that emissions do not exceed the cap. When designing program details, maintaining the cap should be one of the primary goals.

2) prioritize significant improvements in air quality of overburdened communities, especially Black, Indigenous and communities of color. For too long, these communities have borne the brunt of air pollution and climate impacts. The CCA requires 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.

3) 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 your time and your full commitment to the intent of the CCA.

Sincerely, Denise Attwood