

Monica Zazueta

Hi, my name is Monica Zazueta, M-O-N-I-C-A Z as in zebra-A-Z as in zebra-U-E-T as in tiger-A. Um, so, um, let's-- Let me get it up. Good afternoon, Department of Ecology. I hope everyone is well. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this critical rule that will shape how our state's Cap and Invest Program will be implemented. My name is Monica Zazueta and I am a concerned mama with an eight-year-old son and another one coming in August. On June 12th I was on a Zoom call with the director of Don't Look Up , uh, Adam McKay. If you haven't seen it, I highly recommend watching it. It's on Netflix. It tells a story of two as ash-- astronomers attempting to warn humanity about an approaching comet that will destroy human civilization. The impact event is an a-a-allegory for climate change, and the film is a satire of government, political, celebrity, and media indifference to the climate crisis. On that call also was Roger Hallam-- Callam. He is a Wel-Welsh environmental activist, a co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, Cooperative Federation Organization, Radical Routes, and the political party Burning Pink. And he received in his inbox on June 10th a conversation between the leading British scientist Sir David King, one of the leading authors of the IPCC report, and James Dyke, Roger's friend. And James asked Sir David King, "So where do you think we are going to be by 2100?" And James was expecting to hear a political answer. Well maybe this, maybe that. And Sir David King looks at him straight and says, "We're headed for 3 degrees centigrade." And James says, "We cannot get to there because that would mean the end of coral reefs. That means no more Amazon and that means that so many people on the front line are going to suffer because of the climate crisis. That's not going to happen, is it?" And Sir David King said sadly, "They're going to die. Billions of people are going to die." I won't let that be the fate of my two boys and so many others. I just want--" The program rules are important to get right so the- that Ecology has the clear authority to act. The responsibilities of covered entities are clear and the people of Washington have, uh, have- Washington have clarity on this program. Overall, I support the general direction of the rules and urge Ecology to strengthen the program designed and overburdened communities part. The such- the statue is clear that program should benefit overburdened communities and not cause environmental harm. If the program rules do not clearly articulate how this will be achieved this is a gap that should be filled starting with the following changes. One, clarify Ecology's role in evaluating impacts of all missions, intensive trade exposed facilities, EITEs, regardless of when they become a covered entity on overburdened communities. Two, establish an explicit review process for how the program is impacting overburdened communities and ensure Ecology has information required to conduct that review, and, three, clarify Ecology's role in evaluating impact of linkage on overburden communities and to archiving environmental benefits of program. I look forward to Ecology's ongoing work to strengthen and finalize this rule as a part of our state's work to meet our climate goals in an equitable and just way. Thank you for all that all you do. I hope everyone's days are filled with laughter and love. Thank you.