

Mary Siciliano

Dear Ms. Rachel Assink, This letter is in support of your work on a strict, enforceable Clean Fuel Standard for the state of Washington. I know what it is like to creep along I-5 at 5 miles an hour after work trying to get home from Portland, Oregon to Vancouver, Washington. Engines idle and idle and idle – cars, trucks, pickups, freighters, motorbikes. The car windows close. The air conditioners or heaters go on. The outer air intake is shut off. And we wait -- the air smelling fumey. And when it's dank and foggy, like it so often is in Portland, we know the air is heavy with much more than rain. Even if the I-5 bridge between Washington and Oregon is replaced, and includes, light-rail, though the commute should be easier, cars will not instantly go away. And all the people living in the small homes lining the freeway? They must be keeping their windows shut tight too. We know the cancer rates and asthma rates, not to say the incidence of recurrent and debilitating headaches are high there, and the outdoor living that we prize in the suburbs is outright dangerous. I hope you will stay firm in setting the significant reduction of emission standards you are considering, both in their extent and in the sooner rather than later timeline. At last we seem to have in this state the political will to do this. Thank you for your resolve and for all of your work. Sincerely, Mary Siciliano 1505 NW 62nd St Vancouver, WA 98663