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Dear WA Department of Ecology,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Washington's Clean Fuel Standard. I am very supportive of the draft Clean Fuel Standard and applaud the Department of Ecology for setting our/clean fuels trajectory to be the strongest possible per the law.

Our state ,along with neighboring states and the entire world, is clearly suffering due to climate degradation. It is too late to reverse that trend in the short term, and things will definitely get worse. However, we can still affect the long term and eventually reverse the damage we have caused.

Part of that response must be the adoption of clean fuels.

Despite some efforts at improvement, the US is still the greatest atmospheric polluter, per person, on the planet. Those who would like to prevent change point to China as the greatest polluter, and other developing nations as not being responsible enough, but we were, are, and probably will remain the worst polluter. One can always find excuses for not doing what must be done.

Time is of the essence with our response to the climate crisis. Ambitious implementation of this law is critical for a just transition to clean energy that addresses our moral obligation to heal our climate and communities. Please ensure that the final rule maintains the strong carbon intensity standards of a 20% reduction by 2034.

In addition to the urgent need to reduce transportation pollution, I believe/how/we respond to the climate crisis is also a moral issue. It is imperative that utilities are held accountable to thoughtful and equitable reinvestments that further transportation electrification and reduce pollution in overburdened communities ♦ as required by the law./

I have faith that Washington can and will meet our greenhouse gas reduction goals through our gifts of innovation and dedication to stewardship. Thank you for putting us on that path and demonstrating our state's commitment to a clean energy future by implementing the strongest possible Clean Fuel Standard.

Sincerely,
Mr. William Sterr