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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.

I am a person of faith - Lutheran specifically. The Bible tells us that we are stewards of God's creation, but we have been doing a very bad job of it recently. Climate change is an emergency issue, and folks who are from lower socio-economic backgrounds and historically marginalized groups are experiencing the devastating effects of it first. It is important that Washington's Clean Fuel Standard is implemented as soon as possible.

Not only is it critical that steps are quickly taken to reduce transportation pollution, but HOW those steps are taken and what is needed in addition to them is incredibly crucial. The following additional points need to be included in the final rule. Firstly, the initial accounting of the impact of crop-based biofuels beyond California's baseline and plan for ongoing review as science advances needs to be strengthened. Secondly, an environmental justice review in compliance with the HEAL Act (including requirements for Ecology to remedy and track air pollution impacts) should be required. Thirdly, utilities must be held accountable to justice-oriented, equitable reinvestments that significantly lower pollution in overburdened communities (required by law). Lastly, the Department of Ecology's existing obligation to meaningfully and proactively consult with Native Nations must be explicitly incorporated; expectations for sufficient time and information need to be included.

Thank you for giving this opportunity to comment on Washington's Clean Fuel Standard.

Sincerely,

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