


Tom Crawford

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.

My first career was in support of education programs for native communities in the Pacific Northwest. As guests in their homeland, and in honor of their treaty rights, those of us who are settlers from other parts of the world owe them protection of the gifts of this earth that they have respected and preserved for millennia. Our actions in response to the climate crisis should likewise put front and center the cultural and economic needs of indigenous communities.

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,
Tom Crawford