

# Derek Benedict


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.

It's total idiocy that Big Oil wants more, bigger, and newer fossil fuel projects in our state when they should be investing their money in a renewable energy infrastructure.

Our citizens can only use whatever energy sources are permitted in our state, so let's ramp up the conversion from dirty fuels to clean energy now!

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. Derek Benedict