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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.

As a person of faith, a father and family doctor, wanting to pass along a healthy climate for our children, it is important to me that we take swift action to address transportation as our largest source of pollution in Washington. A strong final Clean Fuel Standard will help me embody my call to live more lightly on Earth so that all may thrive.

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. Please ensure the following points are reflected in the final rule:

- Explicitly incorporate Ecology's existing obligation to proactively and meaningfully consult with Native Nations, including expectations for sufficient time and information.
- Require an environmental justice review in compliance with the HEAL Act and include requirements for Ecology to track and remedy air pollution impacts.
- Hold utilities accountable to thoughtful and equitable reinvestments that further transportation electrification and reduce pollution in overburdened communities ♦ as required by the law.
- Strengthen initial accounting of the impact of crop-based biofuels beyond California's baseline and plan for ongoing review as science advances.

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,
Dr. Chris Covert-Bowlds