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Dear Mr. Adam Saul, Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopting Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII), the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NO_x rule, and the fleet reporting requirement this year in Washington. First of all, it is completely crazy that the Department of Ecology no longer has state emission standards for gasoline powered cars and trucks. The Ecology department's webpage states that by having strong emission standards up until recently they "fixed" our car pollution problem. That's like saying, I mowed the lawn last week, so I never have to do it again. We MUST have emission standards for gasoline powered cars and trucks, that's just job one. Please correct this problem ASAP. The rules the department is now considering are critical to reducing air pollution, improving public health, protecting frontline communities, and increasing access to the benefits of electricity as a transportation fuel. Over four million people in Washington live or work near diesel exhaust, and Black people, Indigenous people, People of Color and low-income people are disproportionately burdened by polluted air. Exposure to toxic tailpipe pollution such as NO_x, Particulate Matter (PM), and Ozone is linked to higher rates of premature death, cancer, heart disease, and breathing problems like asthma in kids and adults. On top of the climate benefits, adopting ACCII allows zero emission vehicles (ZEVs) to be more accessible and affordable for consumers and saves them money in fuel and maintenance with the typical cost of electricity for charging an EV equivalent to \$1 per gallon of gasoline. In addition to ACCII, the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NO_x rule and the fleet reporting requirement will help Washington experience statewide health benefits and identify trucking operations that would provide the greatest relief in air pollution exposure to overburdened communities. I am counting on Ecology to lead the transition into an all-electric future and by doing so, ensure an equitable and just transportation future for Washington! I strongly support the proposed Clean Vehicles Program rule and thank Ecology for its hard work. Sincerely, randall potts 4062 Springland Ct Bellingham, WA 98226