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Dear Mr. Adam Saul, I support the Department of Ecology (Ecology) adopting Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCI), the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx rule, and the fleet reporting requirement this year in Washington. These rules are critical to reduce air pollution, improve public health, protect frontline communities, and increase 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 NOx, 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. In addition to the climate benefits, adopting ACCI 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 ACCI, the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx 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 am disappointed to note the starting date for sales of zero-emission vehicles is 2026. How about starting next year, 2023? I urge you to implement an incentive program to senior living corporations and owners to provide access to plugging in resident-owned vehicles to outlets at senior living residences. Since March, my husband, Milt, has been living at Patriots' Landing in Dupont in a one-bedroom apartment on the second floor. He owns a Honda Clarity plug-in hybrid vehicle that he purchased new in 2018. Many times he has requested that Patriots' Landing provide him a 110 electric outlet to charge his car battery each night. There has been no response. Though I urge you to begin your program sooner and shorten the time for 100 percent zero emission, I strongly support the proposed Clean Vehicles Program rule. Thank you, Ecology, for your hard work. Sincerely, S. Jacky 2411 Lexington St Steilacoom, WA 98388