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Dear Adam Saul,

I strongly support the adoption of Advanced Clean Cars II, the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx Rule, and the Fleet Reporting Requirement.

Washington needs to adopt Advanced Clean Cars II to meet its climate goals according to the State Energy Strategy. We already see the impacts of the climate crisis today with record-breaking heatwaves and more frequent smoke events. My husband and I have had to stay inside for many days in the last few months due to the poor air quality. At our age, we need our daily walks outdoors to maintain our health.

We need to switch to clean vehicles to stop polluting our air. I want everyone who drives to have access to clean vehicles. This is why Advanced Clean Cars II and its equity provisions are important. So is the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx Rule, which improves emission standards for large vehicles.

It is also important to gather more information on our transportation system so we can better address the harms it is causing—not only to the environment, but sometimes to workers through poor labor practices. This is why the Fleet Reporting Requirement is an important piece of this regulation.

Relying on polluting vehicles hurts the climate and our health. It also makes us beholden to oil companies that bring in record profits while raising prices. We need clean options in Washington.

I strongly support this rule and thank the Department of Ecology for its hard work.