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Greetings,

As a private citizen of Washington State, I am writing to provide comments on the Clean Vehicles Program and General Regulations. In short, Ecology should follow established market principles to allow the prevailing market to influence the market for new vehicles.

The Washington Cap and Invest Program will finally set a market-based price for carbon emissions. This places an economic price on the negative externalities for emissions of carbon. This, along with the Low Carbon Fuel Standard will undoubtedly increase the costs of fossil-based fuels for Washington Citizens purchased in Washington State. This direct increased cost will allow electric vehicles ("EVs") to better compete with and appear attractive from a fuel-cost perspective compared with traditional fossil fueled vehicles. This creates economic incentive for the adoption of EVs based upon price competitiveness -- a market factor.

Where possible, good public policy should establish rules, costs and benefits -- in a technology agnostic manner. In other words, public policy should not determine winners and losers. The best and cleanest technologies will win the day because they are better products, cleaner and will be far more economic than fossil-powered vehicles in the future. In addition, many auto-makers have announced the end of traditional fossil-powered vehicles before 2035.

In closing, EV adoption should be encouraged -- but with "carrots" rather than "sticks". Gov. Inslee's rabid approach to California-esque mandates, proclamations and decrees is a poor excuse for well-reasoned and measured public policy. Ecology has the opportunity to implement policy borne-out by market-based factors.

Thanks for the consideration of these comments.

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