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Greetings Adam Saul and Washington State Department of Ecology,

As a parent, teacher, and 30-year resident of WA, my excitement is building for the hopeful final acceptance of the ZEV and cleaner trucks rules for the Clean Vehicles Program. Since most emissions in WA state come from transportation, a clear path to ZEVs will mean that we have a real chance of meeting our states emissions-reduction goals. As others are encouraged to follow, soon our increasing fire, smoke, heating, and flooding events can begin to stabilize!

Adopting these rules will also mean immediate health benefits from pollution-reduction. As the Lancet (2019) informs us, emissions-related pollution - particularly in air - is the top risk-factor for disease and death worldwide. Other studies from the UW and beyond show how this impacts Washingtonians more specifically. As an asthma-sufferer who has lost 3 family members to lung cancer, I am all too familiar with the faces of these statistics.

Our kids are especially vulnerable as their lungs and bodies are still developing, which is why medical associations around the world, including the AMA, AAP, and more are declaring climate change a health crisis! The Washington State PTA also just voted overwhelmingly to adopt emissions reduction advocacy onto their platform because of the clear risks both pollution and climate change pose to the health and wellbeing of our children here in WA and beyond.

ZEVs bidirectional charging capabilities also have the potential to help catalyze our systems-wide transition to a zero-emissions future!

For the next few months, I will be hoping, praying, and advocating for these rules to be passed and widely celebrated for the world-saving impact they will have. Our kids may yet be left with a livable planet!

Thank you for all your efforts to make this possible. Now let's get it done!

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