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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 NOx rule, and the fleet reporting requirement this year in Washington.

We are already experiencing advancing climate crisis in fires, smoke storms (as I write this) drought, extreme heat (120 F in my garden last June), salmon emergencies (late rain so can't spawn), and also floods. That's just in our state. My family in other states & around the world has been threatened by extreme hurricanes and floods. My own home of 50 years sits on a forest edge, now threatened with fire every summer.

WE MUST ACT to slow down the effects of climate crisis for all Creation, all ecosystems, plants & animals (including people). This is a moral imperative and a self-protection fact.

I am **STRONGLY IN SUPPORT** of these Ecology rules to stop burning fossil fuels putting carbon & greenhouse gases into the atmosphere.

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.

I drive an EV car (Nissan Leaf) and love it! Fuel is free because I charge off my solar array, which also provides free electricity for my home. Plus, the Leaf requires hardly any maintenance. Drives smooth and accelerates fast. People can get a great car experience if they will just embrace change away from gasoline. So make it easy for them. We can time charging for after midnight.

In addition to ACCII, the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx rule and the fleet reporting requirement together, 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,

Rhonda Hunter