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As I make this comment today, the air outside in Everett is unhealthy due to another fire in our region and an unseasonable drought for the month of October in a summer that has lingered much longer than normal.

Our global reliance on oil and gas threatens budgets for families, businesses, and school districts. The increased use of fossil fuels increases record heat waves, record droughts, and record storms in a more and more dangerous feedback loop of ever costly destruction.

By its very definition, sustainability is the ability to sustain systems whether it be a budget, an economic practice, or environmental systems that sustain life on this planet. Furthermore, sustainability connects us all to all the things we do and how we do them.

The proposed rules for Chapter 173-423 WAC and Chapter 173-400 WAC address the essential and immediate need to help create an environment that sustains our economy, our food supplies, and the very systems on this planet that are required for our continued survival.