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We submit the following comments in addition to those made in the letter we co-signed with Climate Solutions, NWEA, WEC, WPSR, NRDC, Sierra Club and others.

ACC II is a crucial step towards a gasoline free future. By joining with California and other states behind an aggressive timetable to move to 100% electrification, ACC II will help accelerate a quick, smooth and efficient transition to clean electric cars and ensure enormous automaker and utility investment in EVs.

By committing the state to a gasoline-free future, ACC II will help make affordable and economical EVs more available to all. It will save drivers billions of dollars on fuel and maintenance. It will diminish the air, water, and climate pollution that disproportionately impacts communities of color and low-income communities, causing elevated rates of asthma, cancers and pathogens such as COVID. It will also benefit these communities by keeping the dollars that we now spend on imported oil right here in Washington, to be used on economic improvement, clean mobility programs and job creation.

Fueling with electricity costs less than one-fourth as much as gasoline. EV sticker prices are forecast to be lower than those of comparable gas cars by the mid-2020s.

The transition to electric vehicles is essential to meeting state climate change targets, and will substantially lower gasoline and oil released from motor vehicles and gas stations into Puget Sound and other waterways, thereby reducing a significant threat to orca, salmon and other marine life.

Washingtonians strongly support an all EV future. That is why by a 59-35 margin, Washingtonians support 100% EVs by 2030. The Washington legislature passed a 2030 goal for 100% electrification twice.

Let's do ACC II, and then move even faster to 100% electrification by 2030. It's what the climate and the people of Washington demand.

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