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Dear Adam Saul,

The Clean Cars II and Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx rules are critical for reducing emissions and improving the health of millions of Washingtonians who live, work, or play near major transportation corridors. In addition to the obvious gas and particulate matter pollution reduction, vehicle electrification can also reduce noise pollution which can negatively contribute to public health. As someone who used to live along a major bus corridor (1st Ave N. and Mercer St. in Seattle), the constant drone of buses and utility vehicles sometimes made it difficult to sleep and left me ill-prepared for the next day at work.

I also see vehicle electrification as a great boon for lower income families. They require lower maintenance, and for those able to charge at home, it is much easier to budget around a steady electricity cost than wildly fluctuating gasoline prices. I see many highly efficient gasoline vehicles (Prius, etc) around my neighborhood, and I think their owners would switch to EVs quickly if it weren't for the steep purchase price. I think the incentive and rebate portions of the ACCII will help greatly in this regard.

I strongly support the proposed Clean Vehicles Program rule and thank Ecology for its hard work.

Sincerely,

Michael Ciuffo