Jim Bertsch

I am responding to your proposed changes to Chapter 173-423 & 400 WAC.

First, let me say this is a terrible idea (one of many that have come out of our government under our current leadership) that will do nothing to improve the life of Washington State citizens. Second, you state in your "Tips for commenting" a list of suggestions for supporting our comments and explain why we disagree along with suggesting alternatives. Well I would suggest you provide the same information. You want to expand the adoption of California motor vehicle emission standards. Why, because California is doing this we should. Has our leadership taken a look at California lately?

Why I disagree should not require a detailed explanation because it should be obvious to a rational person that dictating this drastic change will only cause negative impacts. There is no scientific data that you can point to that indicates what the 'actual outcome" of this change will be when you look at both the positives and negatives. With respect to alternatives I have a really easy one, please "do nothing". Our State is one of the least polluting in the country.

One final statement. Is Ecology looking into all the human waste entering the storm drains in Seattle and other cities from the people living on the streets? Might want to start on that.