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As someone who lives next to Interstate 5 in the Seattle urban corridor, I'm deeply concerned about how the state will implement the Improving Air Quality in Overburdened Communities Initiative.

I (like many of my neighbors along the base of Capitol Hill and First Hill) do not have air conditioning. In the summer, I often have my windows open. Every other day, I'm wiping away thick black dust from my window sills and floors. There are at least two Seattle Housing Authority projects for seniors right above the freeway. Like children, seniors are very vulnerable to health problems due to this kind of pollution. The decisions on where to monitor and the targets should recognize the inequities that may exist within an area or community due to factors such as age and quality of construction.

The area along Interstate 5 needs expanded and upgraded monitoring and robust targets for improvement so the agency can move forward on developing mitigation for people living in these areas. Thank you.