



Washington State Legislature

February 12th, 2026

Department of Ecology
5300 Ivy Hill Ln SE
Lacey, WA 98513

Dear Director Sixkiller,

Thank you for sharing the preliminary draft rule language for Chapter 173-448 WAC regarding air quality in overburdened communities. This section of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) represents an important step towards addressing environmental justice and equity concerns by reducing the disproportionate pollution burden borne by communities that have historically suffered the greatest social and environmental impacts.

We appreciate the progress reflected in the draft rule language, and at the same time, we are hearing from advocates and impacted communities that the current rule excludes major sources of pollution that significantly affect air quality in overburdened areas. In particular, non-stationary sources—such as mobile sources, wood heaters, wildfires and agricultural operations—are major contributors to localized pollution and should be considered in the scope of this rule. Addressing these sources on a timeframe that reflects the urgency of community needs is essential to deliver real improvements in air quality and ensure that community voices and expert recommendations are fully incorporated.

We encourage Ecology to explore ways to incorporate these sources and ensure that the timeline for pollution reductions brings tangible improvements to air quality and health in overburdened communities as quickly as possible. We also encourage Ecology to listen to the ideas put forth by impacted communities and a range of advocates. Doing so will honor the intent of the Climate Commitment Act and deliver tangible benefits for all Washingtonians, particularly those who have disproportionately borne the impact of pollution for decades.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to this critical work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Doglio".

Beth Doglio
State Representative
22nd Legislative District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Fitzgibbon".

Joe Fitzgibbon
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