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I have watched the cruise industry been given license to recklessly pollute our oceans for decades with high costs to marine ecosystems and the planet at large. It's high time we ban scrubbers which burn one of the dirtiest fossil fuels on earth. While scrubbing the exhaust the discharged toxic wastewater is released directly into the ocean polluting and poisoning our whales, sea life and water.

Marine ecosystems need a healthy environment to survive. The COVID-19 pandemic has been an ongoing tragedy on a global scale, but the resulting cessation of cruise vessel traffic in the Puget Sound has been a welcome reprieve from the water pollution these ships create. That's why scrubber dumping cannot return to the Sound. My family and I fully support amendment #2.

Thank you for your consideration,

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