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I am writing in support of Amendment #2, which would ban "scrubber" devices in cruise ships and other boats. These "scrubbers" allow ships to clean their exhaust systems and then discharge toxic wastewater into fragile marine environments like Puget Sound. The resulting pollution devastates the marine ecosystem and kills plants and animals in it. During the pandemic, as ship traffic has decreased, marine life has rebounded. Your support and approval of Amendment 2 would allow this improvement to continue. In addition it would give an opportunity to the shipping industry, and allow it to become a better corporate citizen by reducing pollution in its daily processes and procedures. I ask that you approve Amendment 2. Thank you.