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Dear Nikki Harris,

I am a member of the Green Team at Keystone United Church of Christ in Seattle. We stand up for clean air for all. I note that in the communities exposed to diesel pollution there are higher rates of asthma among children. In addition, there is a reduced life expectancy in the general population.

I thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the updates to the Clean Truck Rules. State leadership on clean transportation has never been more important. I commend the Department of Ecology for making sure we have more clean trucks on our roads in Washington by upholding the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus (HDO) rules.

Washington can demonstrate its commitment to combating pollution and protecting vulnerable communities with regulations like ACT and HDO. There is an ongoing national effort targeted at repealing these rules and others like it by the trucking industry and manufacturers.

We can't let polluters take away our clean air future. Every delay in clean truck policies directly impacts public health, especially for low-income communities and communities of color, who are disproportionately exposed to harmful diesel emissions.

I strongly support Ecology's proposed rules on ACT and HDO, which are critical for improving public health and meeting our statutory greenhouse gas emission limits.

Thank you.