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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Advanced Clean Trucks and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus regulations. I am the lead organizer for Climate Pierce County and we exist to do all we can to move Pierce County, and by extension WA, forward on climate mitigation and climate resilience. We absolutely need to address GHG emissions and air pollution more generally to have a chance at a healthy future. Trucks are a major source of air pollution in Pierce County along a couple of corridors including I-5 because of Port of Tacoma Traffic and just getting up and down WA. The people who live near those corridors show shorter life spans and more incidents of respiratory illnesses and heart disease. Equity maps show that. Cleaning up our air promises better health which in turn is better for the economy with children being able to go to school full time and adults to make it to work instead of being ill or engaged in care taking. The current administration is committed to a fossil fuel future that endangers us economically, environmentally, and health wise. Having states like WA, OR, and CA who are willing to act on the science and do better for their residents is an important counter to the short sighted choice for fossil fuels.

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,
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