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Thank you. I'm Virginia Lohr, V-I-R-G-I-N-I-A. L-o-h-r, and I live on Vashon Island. My husband drove tractor-trailer trucks in the 1970s for a few years. Even then, he was aware and concerned about climate change and lobbied his company to put airfoils on their cabs to reduce diesel use. He got to drive the first cab they put one on. The fuel economy was so evident, they put them on all their cabs. A great success. There wasn't, however, an easy way to deal with polluted air while driving. He suffered difficulty breathing, and his lungs hurt. Fortunately, he doesn't have long-term damage from trucking. Not all truckers are so lucky. Exposure from diesel pollution from their trucks, other vehicles, and the places they drive, such as shipping ports, can cause asthma and cancer. Frontline communities and other populations suffer similar health risks. We all need clean air. Now is not the time to delay solving these problems. A new report released just this month from 60 prominent climate scientists shows that things are getting much worse, much faster than science and earlier research indicated. Thank you for all that you are doing to implement the rules on our clean truck regulations. We must have rules that are both strong and effective without delay. Let's have another great success. Thank you.