

# Rich Voget

My name is Rich Voget, that's V as in Victor, O-G-E-T. Currently, 100,000 early deaths in the U.S. are caused by particulate air pollution. I live in Seattle, where it has been documented that the life expectancy in South Park and Georgetown, where the residents are subjected to diesel pollution from trucks driving to the Port of Seattle, is 10 years less than residents living north of the ship canal. The auto industry has a long history of resisting implementing new governmental regulations. Seatbelts, airbags, and catalytic converters were seen as adding cost and complexity to their products, but the industry complied and lives were saved. Now, the auto industry is asking for amendments to ease compliance to the Clean Vehicles Program's rules. I support Ecology's proposed amendments, because they are a three-way winner. First, the amendments provide the flexibility desired by manufacturers. Second, not compromising the climate outcomes needed to meet Washington's emissions reductions goals. And third, not compromising the clean air outcomes needed to meet Washington's emissions reductions goals, and that will save lives and protect the climate. Thank you.