

Patrick Conn

Dear Nikki Harris,

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 given the Trump Cult Regime's continuing attempt to trash every meaningful and absolutely necessary clean air, fresh water, and ocean legislative, regulatory, and ecologically beneficial climate change, and human species beneficial protections already on the books, much less thwarting every current attempt at improving this human caused planetary ecological disaster. I commend the Department of Ecology for making sure we have more clean trucks on our roads in Washington State by upholding the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus (HDO) rules.

At least Washington State can demonstrate its commitment to combating pollution and protecting vulnerable communities with regulations like ACT and HDO as a positive example to counter the morally and ethically corrupt ongoing national effort targeted at repealing these rules and others like it by the trucking industry and manufacturers apparently fully supported by oil industry dark money funded amoral and easily bought gutless political cronies now numerous in all Federal government branches.

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, and in providing a 'leadership example' of what all states and the Federal government should already be doing as well.

Thank you.