

Gregg Brown

Thank you. My name is Gregg Brown, G-R-E-G-G. B-r-o-w-n. And I'm part of the Third Act Washington Power Up Team, and a retired engineer. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of adopting the proposed amendments to the ACT and HCO rules. In the late 1970s, I was a student at Caltech in Pasadena in California. And when I first arrived on campus to start my freshman year, the nearby San Gabriel Mountains were obscured by a layer of smog. Uh, to run a block meant a burning in the back of your throat, and looking out the window on many days was like staring into a yellowing Fluorescent light. Solving a blight of smog was one of the challenges that led me to study mechanical engineering. I joined a community of engineers committed to solving problems like vehicular air pollution. At first, the solutions were clunky and inefficient. Today, they're invisible. Uh, that's because society and government posed the right problems to engineers, tightening the standards that drove solutions and innovation towards solution. Every time those higher standards were defined, voices warned that cost would be prohibitive, performance would be ruined, or choice would be limited. And none of that happened. If engineers are given the right problems, they can find the right solutions. And the proposed amendments continue clear goals for cleaner trucks and provide the flexibility. To allow technical innovation to emerge. So please continue to confidently set the standards and trust the solutions will come. Thank you for my chance to speak in favor of the Department of Ecology's proposed rule amendments. Thank you.