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Dear Ms. Nikki Harris,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the updates to the Clean Truck Rules. Thank you for going forward with your rulemaking process in light of the federal roadblocks and federal actors that are determined to stymie state climate efforts. It's important that Washington keep moving forward to protect the health of Washington citizens and further Washington's commitment to addressing climate issues.

Washington must move forward as quickly as is feasible to achieve reduced emissions. 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. That disproportionate effect is evident in my community. Lower income neighborhoods are in close proximity to the I-5 corridor and more susceptible than other neighborhoods to the effects of truck emissions.

There's no question that in order to address both climate and health issues, transportation emissions must be curtailed. That means reducing diesel emissions. The Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) program and the Heavy-Duty Omnibus Low NOx rule (HDO) are crucial to cutting diesel pollution.

I strongly support Ecology's proposed rules on ACT and HDO. I support Ecology's efforts to keep standing up to any special interests who seek to delay or halt progress. The Advanced Clean Truck rule is critical for Washington to meet its climate targets and for improving our health.

Thank you for your efforts and for considering my comment.

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