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Hi, my name is Mona Howe, and I just finished 5th grade at Kimball Elementary in Seattle.

Thank you for letting me speak today. I care a lot about clean air and a healthy planet because I want to grow up in a world where I can breathe easily and where the earth stays full of trees, animals, and safe places to explore.

In the street in front of my house, many big trucks pass by that create a lot of exhaust. It makes me cough sometimes, and I have to put my hands over my face just so I can breathe better. That's why I really want Washington to keep its Advanced Clean Trucks rules. They can help stop the pollution that's harming kids like me and people in my neighborhood.

In school, we learned that diesel has chemicals that can make people sick—even cause cancer.

That's terrifying. But there are clean trucks out there that won't hurt our lungs or our future. I think adults should make choices that help everyone, especially kids. And clean trucks don't just protect our health—they also create new jobs and help the planet.

I support Ecology's new rules because they help manufacturers switch to clean trucks in a way that works for them too. It's kind of like getting extra time to finish a big school project so you can still do your best and turn in something great.

Please don't delay these clean truck rules. We can't afford to wait while more people get sick or while the planet gets hotter. We need fresh air, good jobs, and trucks that help instead of harm. I may be young, but I know this is important for everyone.

Thank you.