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Dear Officials of the Washington State Department of Ecology,

I am writing in strong support of the proposed amendments to Washington's Clean Vehicles Program Rules (Chapter 173-423 WAC), which incorporate recent updates to the Advanced Clean Trucks and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus regulations adopted by the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

This issue is deeply personal to me. My daughter has suffered from asthma since she was very young, and poor air quality has directly contributed to multiple visits to the emergency room due to severe asthma attacks. Every parent wants to protect their child's health, and for families like mine, these regulations are not abstract—they are a necessary response to a real and ongoing public health threat.

Heavy-duty vehicle emissions are among the most harmful contributors to air pollution, particularly in communities near freight corridors and industrial areas. The proposed rule changes are essential policy tools to reduce diesel pollution, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and accelerate the transition to cleaner, zero-emission vehicles.

By aligning Washington's rules with California's proven leadership in clean transportation, the state is taking a critical step to safeguard public health, improve air quality, and address the urgent challenges of climate change. These regulations will not only reduce harmful NOx and particulate emissions but also drive innovation and create jobs in the growing clean vehicle sector.

I urge the Department of Ecology to adopt these amendments without delay and continue to lead the way in protecting the health and well-being of all Washingtonians.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Zirinsky