League of Women Voters of Washington

I am Martin Gibbins, M-A-R-T-I-N G-I-B-B-I-N-S. Representing the 2,400 members of the League of Women Voters of Washington as their Climate and Energy Issue Chair. For years, the League of Women Voters has advocated for clean vehicles and clean fuels in Washington state, because these are necessary steps in doing our part to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve our air quality. Air quality is worse with legacy truck engines operating in high-density communities including neighborhoods and near schools. And this degrades health, as described in the policy review we just heard. I might say that I am personally grateful for the clean truck policy when I see electric Delivery trucks passing quietly and pollution-free through my neighborhood. Our members at the League of Women Voters are highly committed to participating in the creation of government policies such as this because citizen participation is a significant element of a democracy. We use careful studies to form our policy positions on these issues and those positions align with the policies under consideration here tonight. To increase viability of transitioning to clean trucks, we encourage adopting Ecology's proposed rules on ACT and HDO. Every state must enable this transition. Thank you for this opportunity to describe our policies and position.