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I write in support of upholding the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus (HDO) rules.

Public health, thriving forests and fisheries, critical infrastructure, outdoor recreation, and quality of life in Washington are all placed at risk by harmful vehicle emissions.

Air pollution has significant economic costs, too, such as spiraling medical expenses and missed days of work due to respiratory diseases, increased food costs due to airborne toxin effects on essential crop pollinators, high energy bills as extreme heat events necessitate more reliance on air conditioning, and otherwise avoidable charges for climate mitigation measures needed to protect communities, shorelines, roads and bridges from severe weather, extreme heat, flooding, and other damage caused by emissions-driven climate change.

I am 68 years old and have regularly ridden my bicycle on Washington roads since I moved here in 1985. Rare is the day when I am not passed on the road by a vehicle spewing noxious smelly exhaust!

Clearly current technology exists to alleviate these problems by switching to zero-emissions fleets!

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in support of the updates to the Clean Truck Rules. State leadership on clean transportation has never been more important. I commend the Department of Ecology for making sure we have more clean trucks on our roads in Washington by upholding the Advanced Clean Truck (ACT) and Heavy-Duty Low NOx Omnibus (HDO) rules.

Washington can demonstrate its commitment to combating pollution and protecting vulnerable communities with regulations like ACT and HDO. There is an ongoing national effort targeted at repealing these rules and others like it by the trucking industry and manufacturers.

We can't let polluters take away our clean air future. 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.

I strongly support Ecology's proposed rules on ACT and HDO, which are critical for improving public health and meeting our statutory greenhouse gas emission limits.
Thank you.