Mark Blitzer

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.

I live close to I-90, so close that I hear the constant din of traffic all day long. But worse than the noise is the fact that hundreds of trucks pass by per hour spewing their exhaust into the atmosphere via the neighboring residential areas.

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. Let's not allow these bad actors to compromise OUR health!

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.