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November 5, 2025

The Honorable Bob Ferguson
Governor of Washington
Office of the Governor
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Mr. Casey Sixkiller
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Washington Department of Ecology
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Re: Comment Supporting ZEVergreen Initiative

Dear Governor Ferguson and Director Sixkiller:

Washington has long stood at the forefront of climate progress and innovation, setting the standard for bold leadership and forward-thinking policy. In the face of recent federal setbacks, including attempts to undermine California's waiver authority and weaken national climate policy, Governor Ferguson's ZEVergreen Initiative offers an opportunity to reaffirm and recalibrate the state's commitment to a zero-emission transportation future.

The undersigned organizations thank you for your continued leadership and commitment to ensuring that Washington remains on track to meet its clean transportation and climate goals. We strongly support the ZEVergreen initiative and look forward to working together to ensure its success. As this initiative moves forward, we encourage a continued focus on identifying sustainable funding solutions that can keep Washington's clean transportation transition on pace and accessible to all communities.

We also urge continued innovation in both light-duty and medium- and heavy-duty vehicle policies. Washington's history of pioneering clean transportation policies has positioned it as a national leader. Advancing novel solutions now will help preserve that leadership and strengthen the state's role in driving nationwide progress, even amid federal headwinds. By advancing practical, forward-looking approaches, Washington can continue to demonstrate how clean transportation benefits the economy, public health, and the environment alike.

Together, we can ensure Washington remains a model for climate leadership and a place where innovation thrives. We appreciate the opportunity to engage in this process and stand ready to support the ZEVergreen Initiative as it moves forward.

Sincerely,

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