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Clean air, water, food and a habitable Earth are indispensable for the survival of all life now in existence. Climate change threatens these essentials and is accelerating exponentially. Every system has a "carrying capacity" and human activities — incremental individual and industrial - are attacking Earth's ability to absorb insults and pollutants. Individual, seemingly-small, daily choices multiplied by 8 billion people result in a massive destructive cumulative impact. Washington State cannot solve the world's problems but it has, and should continue, to set an example of survival thinking.

By demanding clean transportation options, our State can help lead reversal of the destructive cumulative impact to a more positive one. Ecology should prioritize clean transportation – increasingly urgent in the face of the avaricious and ignorant actions taken by the Trump Administration. Such strategies should include:

- 1) expansion of "clean fleet" / zero-emission vehicle requirements including school buses;
- 2) job training for EV maintenance technicians;
- 3) more charging station access;
- 4) increase license fees for "gas guzzlers;"
- 5) decrease license fees for hybrids and EVs;
- 6) ban sales of polluting trucks and high gas consumption automobiles in the State;
- 7) enforce purchase of Washington state licenses by out-of-staters within six months of moving here:
- 8) improve convenience, safety and responsiveness of public transportation;
- 9) seek economic, zero-emission alliances with other like-minded States, e.g. California. Therefore, as a grandmother, I urge Ecology to stand firm on our State's commitment to continue to work towards a habitable Earth. Thank you for considering my comments.