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Dear Department of Ecology,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on transportation electrification and clean vehicles in Washington State as part of your ZEVergreen process. I appreciate your work to make sure that our state is a leader in building a clean transportation future that reduces harmful pollution and works for everyone.

As you develop clean transportation strategies, I encourage state leaders to prioritize the following:

Accelerate the transition to zero-emission trucks by adopting policies that reduce transportation pollution around ports and warehouses and offering rebates that incentivize zero-emission trucks. Communities near freight hubs have been burdened by a disproportionate share of health-threatening transportation pollution for far too long.
Adopt policies that lower the cost of purchasing and owning electric vehicles given that the federal government is no longer providing a tax incentive.
Secure reliable multi-year funding for equitable clean truck and clean car incentives through innovative policies such as a retail delivery charge and a revenue-neutral clean commercial vehicle incentive program.