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1. Washington's number one action should be to accelerate the statewide transition to zero-emission transportation by rapidly expanding charging and fueling infrastructure that is accessible to every community. By investing in this backbone and leveraging coalitions like Washington Maritime Blue, the state can cut emissions, drive innovation, and ensure the benefits of clean transportation reach all Washingtonians.
2. I want to emphasize the importance of accelerating Washington's transition to zero-emission transportation. Expanding programs that support clean fuel infrastructure, electrified public transit, and maritime innovation will not only reduce emissions but also create family-wage jobs and healthier communities. By leveraging coalitions like Washington Maritime Blue, the state can ensure these solutions are equitable, scalable, and rooted in strong public-private partnerships.
3. Washington should expand non-financial incentives such as priority access to loading zones, reserved lanes, and streamlined permitting for zero-emission vehicles and equipment. By making clean transportation the most practical and efficient choice, the state can accelerate adoption while improving air quality and equity across communities.
4. Washington must design zero-emission transportation programs with equity at the center, prioritizing access for overburdened communities, Tribal nations, and rural areas. By embedding principles of affordability, community engagement, and workforce development, the state can ensure every Washingtonian benefits from cleaner air, new opportunities, and a just transition.