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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to Chapter 173-423, Washington's Clean Vehicles Program rule.

I support these amendments because they provide Washington with a practical contingency plan while litigation over recent federal actions proceeds. If those actions are ultimately upheld, Washington should still have a framework in place to limit unnecessary increases in vehicle pollution. If the litigation succeeds, the state should promptly restore the more protective standards.

As someone who works on land use and climate issues, I view transportation emissions as one of the biggest challenges facing Washington. Reducing emissions from vehicles is an important complement to efforts to encourage compact, walkable communities and reduce dependence on long car trips. We cannot meet our climate goals through land use planning alone; cleaner vehicles are also essential.

I also support the expanded fleet reporting requirements. Better data will help the state evaluate the effectiveness of its policies and make informed decisions in the future.

Finally, these standards are about more than climate. Cleaner vehicles mean cleaner air and tangible public health benefits, including lower risks of asthma, cardiovascular disease, and other illnesses associated with air pollution.

Thank you for your work to protect Washington's environment and public health. -Ronda Larson Kramer, Olympia