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Hi, my name is Sonia, um, last name is Hitchcock, that's H-I-T-C-H-C-O-C-K, um, and I'm here as a staff member at Washington Conservation Action. Um, with the recent federal actions creating this unprecedented uncertainty about California's authority to enforce vehicle emission standards.

We believe that action in Washington demonstrates our state's commitment to protecting the environment and the people who are so lucky to call our state home. The revisions do align with California's amendments and help to make it clear that the earlier adopted regulations remain operative for new passenger and commercial vehicles that are sold in Washington. With these older standards establishing this safer and more effective fallback than the federal standards, we really believe that this is essential to protecting public health, resulting in fewer hospital visits for folks, and also promoting affordable transportation.

We also strongly support the fleet reporting requirements and believe that the additional data will support the carbon emission reduction efforts such as utility grid planning and transportation electrification. We do encourage all of you to move forward with the strategy proposed while continuing to advocate for the current standards as these current standards offer greater protections to Washington's environment and communities.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to speak today.