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Thank you and good afternoon. My name is Carrie Neeson, C-A-R-R-I-E-N-Y-S-S-E-N, and I'm the Senior Director of Advocacy for the American Lung Association in Washington. The Lung Association works to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through research, education, and advocacy. We strongly support the amendments to the Clean Vehicle Program, as this will provide cleaner vehicles, improve air quality, and reduce pollution-related health impacts across our state.

The Lung Association State of the Air Report 2026 found the Seattle-Tacoma metro area ranked eighth worst in the nation for short-term particle pollution, and King, Okanogan, Pierce, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, and Yakima counties received failing grades for particle pollution. Poor air quality affects everyone. Our children, our elderly, and those with chronic health conditions are particularly vulnerable and susceptible to bad air.

These pollutants trigger asthma attacks, worsen other respiratory symptoms and diseases, and can lead to heart attacks and even premature death. Cleaner vehicles can improve air quality and help reduce health impacts of air pollution, including lung diseases, heart disease, and premature death. The proposed amendments establish a meaningful framework allowing our state to preserve strong vehicle emissions protections with ongoing federal uncertainty and legal challenges affecting more health protective vehicle standards. We appreciate Ecology's continued commitment to fleet reporting and enhanced data collection.

Collecting additional years of data and expanding reporting requirements will provide valuable insight and help inform future policy development and clean transportation infrastructure planning. Improved data can help ensure the state resources are directed where they will have the greatest impact. We encourage Ecology to move forward with the adoption of these updates, and thank you for your continued commitment to protecting the health of Washington families and our communities.