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I appreciate the opportunity to offer comment on the proposed revisions to Chapter 173-423 governing Washington's Clean Vehicles Program. I firmly endorse the state's commitment to rigorous vehicle emission standards, which are vital for curbing carbon output, preserving air quality, and mitigating serious public health issues such as respiratory illnesses, cardiovascular disease, and cancers.

I strongly support these proposed amendments because they establish a crucial safeguard against the immediate risks associated with pending litigation regarding federal actions. While we remain hopeful that litigation will succeed in demonstrating the illegality of recent federal overreach, it is imperative that our state has a robust, protective standard in place should those challenges prove unsuccessful.

The inclusion of expanded fleet reporting requirements further reinforces Washington's commitment to advancing sustainable transportation solutions. Ultimately, these rigorous emission standards are a proactive investment in public health, minimizing community exposure to pollutants that contribute to severe medical conditions.

Should the ongoing legal challenge successfully overturn recent federal actions, we urge the prompt reinstatement of these protective state standards.

Thank you for your careful consideration and for dedicating yourselves to establishing policies that safeguard Washington's environment and its citizens.