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The Honorable Laurie Jinkins
Speaker, Washington State House of Representatives
339C Legislative Building
Olympia, WA 98504

Speaker Jinkins:

We are writing to ask you to bring House Bill 1091, to enact a statewide Clean Fuels Program (CFP) also known as a low carbon fuel standard (LCFS), to the House Floor for a vote at the earliest possible moment. Thank you for considering our request.

Washington state's innovative spirit is part of the DNA that has made our maritime, aviation, and technology sectors globally competitive. Enacting a Clean Fuels Program in Washington is key to fostering the development of new technologies that are not only good for the climate but also for the air quality in our communities. It is also good for our economy, as businesses are increasingly seeking cost-effective ways to reduce their carbon footprint.

Passage of HB 1091 is essential to stopping the export of the environmental, economic, and health benefits of clean fuels to other states. It is an economic development tool, a public health measure, and an environmental imperative.

A statewide Clean Fuels Program will help us restore our national leadership in a number of areas related to port operations. For example, as far back as 2011, the Port of Seattle, Alaska Airlines, Boeing, among others worked on the Sustainable Aviation Fuel Northwest initiative, investigating how to power planes at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport with renewable fuels. We were a recognized leader in this area but jets in California are already being powered with sustainable fuels due to incentives put in place by the low carbon fuel standard in that state.

Additionally, ports in California are generating revenue under their state's LCFS, sharing it with their private sector partners on the docks, and using it for renewable fuels and electric technologies across port operations. In addition, the LCFS has not increased gas prices even in Los Angeles, where the price per gallon of gas is less than it was in 2011, when the LCFS was first implemented. We need those same opportunities and benefits here in Washington state.

Thank you for your leadership in this first-ever virtual session. We understand the challenges it presents. The urgent need for a low carbon fuel standard justifies its early consideration on the House floor.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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President, Port of Seattle Commission



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