



January 31, 2019

The House Environment & Energy Committee
231A John L. O'Brien Building
P.O. Box 40600, Olympia, WA 98504-0600

Re: HB 1113, An act relating to amending state greenhouse gas emission limits

Dear Members of the House & Environment and Energy Committee:

PCC Community Markets, a locally-grown, community-owned food market, supports HB 1113, and its goal of amending state greenhouse gas emission limits for consistency with the most recent assessment of climate change science and with the United State's previous commitment under the 2015 Paris climate accord.

As the nation's largest community-owned food cooperative with over 60,000 members and 11 stores, PCC Community Markets has dedicated our business to bringing local, organic and sustainable food to the Greater Seattle Area. Grocery retailers like us require a large amount of energy to keep foods fresh and customers comfortable. Thus, an integral part of our work as a triple bottom line organization is to reduce our energy use and its impact on the environment. Climate change is especially important to us because farmers and ranchers rely on a stable climate to grow food.

To these ends, PCC Community Markets is now powered by 100 percent renewable wind power. We've achieved this by purchasing Renewable Energy Credits (RECs). The total MWhs in RECs that PCC purchased is equivalent to removing 1,862 cars off the road for one year.

In addition to our renewable energy effort, we've set a number of five-year sustainability goals aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including:

- Reducing our total energy consumption by 10 percent.
- Providing electric vehicle charging access at every store.
- Diverting 90% of our waste from landfills.
- Reducing carbon emissions associated with refrigerant leaks by 50%.
- Achieving carbon positive store operations.

Washington has always been a state that has protected the environment while growing the economy. PCC Community Markets is still in on the Paris Climate Agreement and we believe that Washington should be too. We support HB 1113.

Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation.

Submitted respectfully,

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Director of Product Sustainability