

March 4, 2022

Dear members of the WA Legislature,

We the undersigned ask you to pass HB 1099 with GHG and VMT reductions.

HB 1099 is a bill built on consensus supported by housing advocates, developers, environmental justice groups, labor unions, local governments, state agencies, tribal governments, climate resiliency advocates, [fill in more depending on sign-ons] . We have collaborated for a year and a half on this legislation for a shared vision of responsible, just and sustainable climate planning in Washington. Now it's time to make that vision a reality before some of our largest and fastest growing communities undergo their 2024 comprehensive plan updates

HB 1099 is a climate bill, a housing bill, a transportation bill, and an environmental justice bill. As originally written, HB 1099 would ensure that Washington's largest counties are planning to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation, which will be achieved, in part, through promoting new housing development in our communities served by transit. HB 1099 also ensures that all Washington communities are planning for climate hazards (like wildfires, drought, and sea level rise) and ensuring community resiliency.

Unfortunately, an amendment adopted in the Senate Ways and Means committee cuts this bill in half, eliminating the requirements for greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled reductions.

The [most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report](#) warns that the "magnitude and rate of climate change and associated risks depend strongly on near-term **mitigation** and adaptation actions." The report goes on to say that "climate resilient development prospects are increasingly limited if **current greenhouse gas emissions do not rapidly decline.**"

The science is clear: we have no time to waste in reducing our greenhouse gas emissions. What's more — our ability to plan for climate resiliency hinges on our current efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. HB 1099 provides a clear path forward for Washington communities to reduce emissions and plan for a climate resilient future. However, the bill as adopted by the Ways and Means Committee only addresses half of the crisis.

As individuals, organizations, and governments committed to transit-oriented communities, housing affordability, climate resilience and environmental justice, we call upon you to please pass HB 1099 with full funding for implementation on the local level and restore the GHG and VMT reduction provisions in conference.

Signed

Local Elected Officials:

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Mayor Mason Thompson, City of Bothell
Mayor Nigel Herbig, City of Kenmore
Mayor Pro Tem Ty Stober, City of Vancouver
Executive Dow Constantine, King County
Deputy Mayor Jay Arnold, City of Kirkland
Deputy Mayor Rami Al-Kabra, City of Bothell
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Councilmember Dani Madrone, Olympia City Council
Councilmember Dontae Payne, Olympia City Council
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Councilmember Kaylee Galloway, Whatcom County Council
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Councilmember Kristina Walker, Tacoma City Council
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Climate Action Steering Committee
Councilmember Megan Dunn, Snohomish County Council
Councilmember Ryan Mello, Pierce County Council
Councilmember Ryan Walters, Anacortes City Council
Councilmember Sarah Perry, King County Council
Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda, Seattle City Council
Councilmember Yen Huynh, Olympia City Council
Commissioner Don Orange, Port of Vancouver

Tribes:

Puyallup Tribe of Indians
Tulalip Tribes

Local Jurisdictions:

Association of Washington Cities
City of Issaquah
City of Redmond
City of Tacoma

Labor:

IUPAT, DC 5
SEIU 775
SEIU 925
SEIU Healthcare 1199 NW
Teamsters 117
UAW Local 4121

Organizations:

350 Eastside
350 Seattle
350 Spokane
350 Tacoma
350 West Sound Climate Action
350 Yakima
36th LD Environmental Caucus
37th LD Environment and Climate Caucus
43rd District Democrats
Alliance for Community Engagement SWWA (ACE)
American Farmland Trust
American Institute of Architects Washington Council
APIC Spokane

Atlas Action Alliance
Audubon Washington
BE: Seattle
Black Hills Audubon Society
Blue Mountain Audubon Society
Bothellites for People Oriented Places
Climate Solutions
Earth and Climate Action Ministry of East Shore Unitarian Church
Eastside Audubon
Eastside For All
Forterra NW
Friends of Clark County
Friends of Pierce County
Friends of Sammamish Valley
Friends of the Columbia Gorge
Friends of the San Juans
Front and Centered
Fuse Washington
Futurewise
Greater Spokane Progress
Housing Development Consortium
League of Women Voters of Washington
LGBTQ Allyship
Lower Columbia Basin Audubon Society
Move Redmond
Our Climate
Pilchuck Audubon Society
Puget Sound Partnership
RE Sources
Salmon Creek Farmers Market
Sammamish Valley Alliance
Sammamish Valley Grange #286

Seattle 500 Women Scientists
Seattle Parks Foundation
Share The Cities Action Fund
Sierra Club Washington State Chapter
Sightline Institute
South Seattle Climate Action Network
Spokane Community Against Racism (SCAR)
Surfrider Foundation
Tacoma Ministerial Alliance
The Climate Reality Project's King County WA Chapter
The Lands Council
The Nature Conservancy in Washington
The Tacoma Ministerial Alliance
The Urbanist
The Whatcom Peace & Justice Center
Transportation Choices Coalition
Vancouver Audubon Society
WA Community Alliance
Washington Bikes
Washington Conservation Voters
Washington Environmental Council
Washington Physicians for Social Responsibility
Washington State Public Health Association
Welcoming Wallingford

Businesses:

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Hester Serebrin
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Ian Crozier, AICP
Ingrid Anderson
Ingrid Elliott
Jacob Lee
James Apa
James Little
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Jared Howe
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