

Environmental Priorities Coalition

A network of over 20 leading environmental groups in Washington that influence policy at the state level.

Dear _____,

Last week the Senate presented a transportation package that needlessly undermines the public interest by pitting important environmental priorities against each other.

This package does not meet our state's transit, road maintenance, or environmental goals.

Moreover, there is a 'poison pill' in the bill that would force Governor Inslee and the Legislature to choose between funding for transit or a clean fuels standard that reduces air pollution from cars.

We need to let the Senate know that it's not okay to play politics with environmental priorities. [Will you send a message now?](#)

We want to find a way forward and to work constructively towards a comprehensive package, but preventing action on a clean fuels standard makes progress difficult.

Key problems with the Senate proposal:

- It fails to provide adequate revenue for transportation choices including transit and fails to provide adequate funding to address the safety and maintenance needs of our existing road network.
- It fails to give Sound Transit the full authority they need to meet the demand for high capacity transit in the Puget Sound region.
- It takes a significant chunk of money out of accounts dedicated to preventing and cleaning up toxic sites, harming communities that face health risks from toxic pollution.
- It includes provisions that limit training opportunities for young construction workers, and erode wage standards that support working families in communities across our state.
- It would revoke all transit funding if Governor Inslee implements a clean fuels standard that would cut air pollution from cars.

Legislators need to hear that the current proposal doesn't adequately prioritize the needs for all of Washington. That's where you come in — [please tell your legislator to support more transit funding and to divorce clean fuels from this critical infrastructure debate.](#)

Thank you,
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This alert is part of a series of action alerts from the Environmental Priorities Coalition, a network of leading environmental groups in Washington state. Formed in 2003, the Environmental Priorities Coalition selects priority issues each legislative session that make Washington State a better place to live.

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