

## 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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