



March 8, 2021

Via Email

Office of the Honorable Jay Inslee
Governor of the State of Washington
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CC: Representative Joe Fitzgibbon; Senator Reuven Carlyle; Senator Andy Billig; Representative Laurie Jinkins

Dear Governor Inslee,

On behalf of Amazon, I am writing in support of efforts in Washington State to enact a Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS) to reduce carbon emissions from transportation fuels, the largest source of emissions in the state and the country. We believe the LCFS is a cost-effective strategy to accelerate the transition to lower carbon vehicles and fuels for consumers and companies.

In 2019, Amazon co-founded The Climate Pledge, a commitment to be net zero carbon by 2040—10 years ahead of the Paris Agreement. This decision was guided by science, which gave the world a little more than a decade to act to avoid the worst impacts of climate change. When the U.S. withdrew from the Paris Agreement, it created even greater demand for companies, local governments, and other partners to highlight continued U.S. commitment to climate progress. Like you, we felt that taking a leadership role was critically important. We are now joined by over 50 other companies who have signed onto the goals of The Climate Pledge and committed to decarbonizing in their own companies and operations.

Amazon is already making significant changes to decarbonize our own operations and specifically our transportation fleet. We established a “Shipment Zero” goal to make all Amazon shipments net zero carbon, with 50% of shipments net zero carbon by 2030. In support of this goal, in 2019, Amazon ordered 100,000 new electric delivery vehicles from Rivian, a U.S. electric vehicle (EV) manufacturer, which we are already beginning to deploy. We are also expanding our use of electric cargo bikes in U.S. cities. In July 2020, Amazon Air secured up to six million gallons of sustainable aviation fuel (SAF), and we are prioritizing sustainability by bringing SAF into our North America air operations. We believe the LCFS will accelerate the transition to sustainable fuels and vehicles and enable Washington State to serve as a national leader in transportation decarbonization.

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Climate change is real, serious, and actions like these are needed from the public and private sectors. Partnership will be required across all sectors to continue to meet the transformation required in our infrastructure, products, and services. We look forward to continued collaboration to achieve our shared goals to drive climate progress and economic growth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kara Hurst". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Kara" and "Hurst" being capitalized and prominent.

Kara Hurst
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World Wide Sustainability, Amazon