

We, the undersigned organizations and businesses,
endorse HB 1257/SB 5293, the Clean Buildings for Washington Act





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Washington Women for Climate Action Now!



South Seattle Climate Action Network



Re: Our Support for HB 1257 / SB 5293 - Clean Buildings for Washington Act

Dear Representative Doglio and Senator Carlyle:

Thank you for your leadership in sponsoring HB 1257 and SB 5293.

Today's decisions on building policy will impact our state's energy use for many decades to come. Unless we cut emissions from buildings, Washington won't meet its emission reduction goals: Washington's building emissions have risen 50% since 1990, undoing any progress we have made in other sectors.

We have the means and the knowledge to reverse the trend. HB 1257 and SB 5293, the Clean Buildings for Washington Act, is a proposal critical to our clean energy future, and one that will reduce greenhouse gases, create jobs, and make buildings healthier places to live and work.

This bill takes a comprehensive look at our current practices and past successes and identifies **sensible next step policies to support better buildings for all in Washington**. These key provisions will:

- Create a nation-leading performance standard for large commercial buildings and an incentive program to accelerate achievement of energy reductions
- Require gas utilities to set and meet energy efficiency and renewable natural gas targets
- Require new buildings to have electric vehicle charging infrastructure and electrical capacity

The Clean Buildings for Washington Act will save Washingtonians energy and money on their utility bills, bring environmental and health benefits, create family-wage jobs, and continue Washington State's role as a climate leader.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. Please provide this letter as needed to your colleagues, and let us know how we can further promote passage of this important legislation. Thank you.

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