

Resolution in Support of Clean Car Standards for the State of Washington

WHEREAS, The Washington State Democratic Party accepts research indicating that motor vehicles are the largest source of air pollution in the state of Washington, and motor vehicles contribute approximately fifty-seven percent of criteria air pollutant emissions, eighty percent of air toxics emissions, and fifty-five percent of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution levels routinely measured in the state of Washington continue to harm public health, the environment, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution causes or contributes to premature death, cancer, asthma, and heart and lung disease; and

WHEREAS, Over half of the state's population suffers from one or more medical conditions that make them very vulnerable to air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution increases pain and suffering for vulnerable individuals; and

WHEREAS, Air pollution imposes several hundred million dollars annually in added health care costs for air pollution-associated death and illness, reducing the quality of life and economic security of the citizens of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Reductions of greenhouse gas emissions from transportation sources are necessary, and it is equitable to seek such reductions because reductions in greenhouse gas emissions have already been initiated in other sectors such as power generation; and

WHEREAS, Adopting the California motor vehicle standards will provide significant and necessary air quality benefits to residents of the state of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Adoption of the California motor vehicle standards will increase consumer choices of cleaner vehicles, provide better warranties to consumers, and provide sufficient air quality benefit to allow additional business and economic growth in the key air sheds of the state while maintaining conformance with federal air quality standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Washington State Democratic Party calls upon the members of the Washington State Legislature to enact into law Clean Car Standards for the State of Washington embodying the principles contained in House Bill, HB-1397, and Senate Bill, SB-5397.

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46 Submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at its April 2, 2005 meeting in Pasco by John
47 Miller - Chair of the Clallam County Democratic Central Committee and John Pollock -
48 Clallam County State Committeeman (3/22/05)

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50 The Clallam County Democratic Committee unanimously passed this resolution at its
51 meeting on March 19, 2005, and submits this resolution to the Washington State
52 Democratic Central Committee Resolutions Committee for debate and adoption at the
53 Washington State

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55 Not considered by the WSDCC Resolutions Committee at its April 2, 2005 meeting in
56 Pasco.

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58 Passed by the WSDCC at its April 2, 2005 meeting in Pasco.