



South Sound Chamber of Commerce Legislative Coalition Launch and Response to Governor Inslee's Plan - Talking Points

We share the Governor's goal of reducing Greenhouse Gases, but we differ on the solution.

- We all share the goal of protecting our environment for future generations.
- There is nothing more important than preserving the clean air and water we all need here in Washington.

Washington is one of the cleanest states in the nation.

- Workers, farmers, employers and everyday citizens have been leading the charge to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions. Consider that Washington is now among the top 10 states in the country for ...
 - cleanest economy (measured by CO2 emissions / GDP)
 - most wind power generation
 - fewest miles driven and solo auto commuters
 - highest use of public transit
 - energy efficient building policies

Washington has a clear record of success in reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions

- New policies, innovation, and the decisions made everyday by Washington families have reduced carbon dioxide emissions in our state to [below their 1990 levels](#), according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
- Washington industries emit [20% less carbon](#) now than they did in 1990 and our electricity generation is the 4th cleanest in the country.

The Governor's plan throws out collaboration in favor of placing a significant financial burden on Washington families

- It's disappointing that the Governor wants to step in and create a complicated, government-run financial program to regulate carbon emissions by taxing Washingtonians, not collaborating with them.
- This isn't the Washington way, and it's especially harmful to the most vulnerable among us: the poor, elderly, and those on fixed incomes.

We support proven policies that address Greenhouse Gas emissions directly, not creating a complicated, government-only approach

- The best solutions are achieved when we collaborate on policies that encourage everybody to show environmental leadership.

- We look forward to an open dialogue with the Governor so the public can understand the difference between his government-only approach and the more cooperative approach that has produced great results.