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Please accept my input regarding the impact of the Climate Commitment Act (CCA) on our school district and consider an exemption for school district accounts. School districts are on limited budgets and rely on increased revenues from increases in student enrollment and increased state funding. Enrollment has been declining throughout the state and generating additional revenue through property tax increases has been challenging. The CCA is an unfunded mandate on school districts throughout the state. The legislature does not consider these mandates when allocating funding to school districts putting undue pressure on school district budgets. Kennewick School District has only one account that would be assessed the Climate Act Fee with the additional cost projected at \$5,000 per year. I expect other school districts have many more accounts and are projecting a higher cost increase. I respectfully request that school districts be exempt from additional charges associated with the WA Climate Act Fee and WA Climate Act Credit.

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