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RE: *Seattle's 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update: Moving Upstream to Zero Waste, Preliminary Draft*

Dear Executive Director and Secretary Amanda Maxwell:

The Department of Ecology (Ecology) received Seattle's Preliminary Draft Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) and a formal request for review of the Plan on June 30, 2022. Today, I am providing you with their Plan and requesting UTC review of the Plan. You may access the Plan via this online folder in Box: <https://app.box.com/s/x0z042gw5ijj3il593jpvw8nm8upclmf>. Within the folder, you may view the entire Plan via the document “_2022 Solid Waste Plan Update Summer 2022 Draft.pdf,” or specific portions via the other files.

Per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) [70A.205.065](#), Ecology is to provide the UTC with a copy of any Preliminary Draft Local Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan immediately upon receipt. The UTC shall then review the Plan's assessment of solid waste collection cost impacts on rates charged by solid waste collection companies regulated under chapter [81.77](#) RCW and advise the submitting entity and Ecology of the probable effect of the plan's recommendations on those rates. *However*, Seattle does not utilize such collection companies in that capacity; it instead contracts for such service. Thus, as previously discussed with the UTC, no Cost Assessment Questionnaire is in the Plan. The contact information for Seattle and for Ecology are below:

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I look forward to receiving your input. Should you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure via [link](#): *Seattle's 2022 Solid Waste Plan Update: Moving Upstream to Zero Waste*

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