

February 1, 2022, to the Senators on the Housing & Local Government Committee:

Climate change is already having profound impacts on our environment and communities in Washington. In 2022, you have the opportunity to ensure our cities and counties are planning for communities that are climate-resilient.

I'm writing on behalf of the [Edmonds Unitarian Universalist Congregation](#) to ask you to support updating the Growth Management Act to address climate change this legislative session by voting **YES** on [HB1099](#), which has its first hearing in the Senate Housing and Local Government Committee on Tuesday, February 1st at 8AM.

Growth management planning is essential to tackling climate change. Not only in reducing our carbon footprint but in preparing for our new climate reality. We need comprehensive plans thinking about community resiliency in the face of a changing climate and more and more extreme weather events. [And that is what this bill does.](#)

The groundwork to implement this bill is already being laid by the Department of Commerce through a budget proviso, but we must pass HB 1099 early in 2022 in order to impact the Central Puget Sound 2024 comprehensive planning process. If passed, HB1099 would ensure that we are reducing our greenhouse gas emissions and planning for climate resiliency and mitigation.

EUUC is proud of the steps the legislature has taken to make Washington State a climate leader -- let's keep up the momentum and pass this common-sense climate legislation in 2022. We urge you to follow in the footsteps of the House of Representatives to fight the climate crisis by passing this vital GMA update.

**Please vote YES on HB1099 to add a climate change element to the GMA.**

**EUUC** has over 300 members. In 2016 we adopted the [Stand on Climate Justice](#). It is due to this action that the EUUC Peace & Justice Committee is able to sign this letter of support on behalf of the congregation.