



February 3, 2021

Dear Senator Jeff Wilson, Senator Reuven Carlyle, and Senator Liz Lovelett,

The American Clean Power Association (ACP), the national clean power trade association, appreciates this opportunity to provide comments for the State of Washington's Senate Bill 5174, "Providing for the Recycling of Wind Turbine Blades." ACP is the voice of companies from across the clean power sector that are powering America's future, providing cost-effective solutions to the climate crisis while creating jobs, spurring massive investment in the U.S. economy, and driving high-tech innovation across the nation.

ACP agrees with the intent to encourage the recycling of wind blades; however, we are concerned over the lack of industry input in the development of SB 5174. ACP recommends the bill writers engage with industry to develop robust and achievable goals for the recycling of wind turbine blades.

ACP, formerly the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), created a task force to explore and implement various recycling strategies. Wind energy plays an important role in creating a cleaner, healthier environment. The industry has developed efforts, that are currently underway, to solve the technical challenges of turbine blade recycling. Our [fact sheet](#) on wind turbine end-of-life strategies identifies the challenges in recycling blades, along with current disposal methods. We continue to work on additional strategies to implement within the industry.

ACP urges you to work with the renewable energy industry. We are uniting the power of America's renewable energy industry to advance our shared goals and to transform the U.S. power grid to a low-cost, reliable, and renewable power system. The U.S. wind industry remains committed to protecting the environment by delivering carbon-free power through responsible development and sustainable solutions.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Darin".

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