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Chair Helm, Vice chair Reschke, Vice chair Shouten and members of the Committee on Energy and the Environment.

I urge you to pass strong amendments to HB 2007. As you know, diesel emissions are made of finer particles than fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) and black carbon. The World Health Organization classified airborne black carbon as carcinogenic in 2011. Airborne black carbon is causally involved in lung cancer and heart attacks and strokes and maybe birth and nervous system defects. In the US about 60% of black carbon emissions originate from engines used in transport and diesel engines emit 8 times more black carbon than gasoline powered sources.

With these public health issues in mind, please strengthen HB2007.

Thank you for your attention.

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