

Dear ~~REP. Helm~~ REP. Helm Committee

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Please consider these additional comments:

I am a student from Harriet Tubman Middle school. Our school is right along a highway, so before our school re-opened, they installed a multi-million \$ HVAC system. Because of the diesel particulates ~~from~~ in the air from diesel trucks on the highway, our windows are sealed. Also, because of diesel pollution, Portland Public Schools said that students should limit outdoor activity. I think that this bill should pass, because students shouldn't have to breathe in hazardous air. It is very important to us that this bill passes, because it will not just affect us, but the future students at Harriet Tubman middle school. Thank you for your time.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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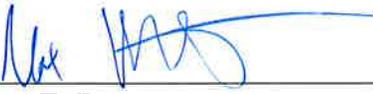
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Today I am writing this testament to inform you further about our current diesel problem. The effects of diesel pollution hurts schools particularly because diesel exhaust lowers attention span, IQ and can also lead to autism. This is not good for schools because schools are all about attention, learning, working hard and finding ways to become a smarter, more confident adult. I think this bill should pass because not only does it affect us, it will also harm future children coming to schools that suffer from diesel pollution. People should be aware and learn about what is happening in the world around them.

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I am a 7th grader at Harriet Tubman Middle School. Before the school year began I was informed that just 30 feet from the school, 10,000 diesel trucks drive along the I5 corridor each day. I feared for my health and was frightened when I smelled the stink of diesel on my first day. I also worry for my younger sisters who will be attending HTMS soon. After learning more I found out that the Albina community has been underserved for years. This isn't just an issue concerning the students now, but also lower income community members and generations to come.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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HB 2007 would be huge progress for Oregon, it is something we need to get passed. The diesel issue is an issue of racial discrimination. People of color are disproportionately exposed to the risks of diesel. I am 20 years old, you have enjoyed your young years, why am I fighting for mine? These changes we want are not hard. They will require great change (in policies and attitudes), as well as change in funding. Oregon has never feared change so let's not let that stop us. And money? Money does matter because it dictates who can do what in society, but it should never trump our human values. Children are breathing dangerous air, it has drastic health effects, and it is in your hands to change that.

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- schools will be able to thrive w/o diesel, we are drowning in pollution
- I want a healthy future for my children
- schools next to highways are at a ~~dis~~ disadvantage because of the pollution

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- Exposure to exhaust leads to a higher risk of heart attack, stroke, cardiovascular disease, and lung cancer

- ~~to~~ This would be a continuation of the Clean Air Act

- ~~transportation~~ This is for future generations who could have a higher exposure to diesel pollution

- I have a younger brother who used to have asthma, but I'm afraid he will have it again because of the diesel pollution. He will be a freshman in Lincoln High School ~~soon~~^{soon}, which is close to I-405 (where diesel trucks pass by every day)

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I attend Harriet Tubman Middle School, which is 30 feet away from the I-5 corridor. This is an important issue to myself and my peers, as we are exposed to diesel pollution on a daily basis, be it recess, waiting for the bus, or PE. Going outside is an unavoidable part of school, and when we do so we should not have to worry about breathing in harmful particulates. We hope you consider the perspectives of students in your decision, as we will be the ones dealing with it in the future.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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