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Dear Chair Helm and Members of the HEE Committee,

As HB 2007 heads into a work session, I hope you will keep public health as your top concern and bear the following points in mind. The public has already waited quite a long time for significant air quality legislation, decades where our children have been exposed to toxic air and their health has suffered. This is not a new issue before you and I hope that you will seize the opportunity to make good on your role as protectors of the health of all Oregonians. Cleaner Air Oregon was a good, if eleventh-hour, start but it did not include one of the most deadly and ubiquitous air pollutants we are exposed to. Now is your chance. Please take it whole-heartedly and with the future in mind. Please see to it that work-session changes to the bill will:

- **Shorten the deadline for compliance from 2029 to 2023**, matching California's program and halting the addition of old engines to Oregon's roads. We cannot wait until 2029.
- **Close the loophole on zombie ("glider") trucks:** we want to ensure all vehicles of the same model year are held to the same standard--even if old engines are put into new truck bodies
- **Incorporate a sticker registration program for all engines**, requiring vehicle operators to visibly display both the year of cab manufacture and the year of engine manufacture on the side of each cab.
- Ensure the phase-in schedule **prioritizes implementation in the areas of greatest concern** (where the most sensitive populations live, where there is the greatest pollution, and where the most people are exposed).
- Ensure the **compliance mechanisms do not result in fewer emission reductions** in the areas of greatest concern.

Thank you for holding the line and fighting to protect Oregon's air quality for our children and our children's children.

Sincerely,
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