

01 March 2021

To: House Committee on Energy and Environment

Re: House Bill 2647

Dear Chair Representative Marsh, Vice-Chairs Representatives Helm and Brock Smith, and members of the Committee:

I am 100 percent opposed to HB 2674 and urge you to table it quickly.

Why in the world does Oregon DEQ need to expend yet more resources and time on studying the impact of engine emissions? Is there still some as yet undiscovered mystery to engine emissions?

There are no valid reason for moving this bill out of committee. Engine emissions have already been studied. Numerous times. By reputable entities, statewide, nationally and globally. Further studies will merely produce more of the same we've been hearing for decades—catastrophe awaits us. Regardless of any empirical evidence the worst case scenario will always be claimed as the one that will most likely happen.

Or perhaps yet another study would finally eliminate all remaining objective criteria for assessing impacts of engine emissions, so that those who wield the power today may arbitrarily decide what is acceptable and what is not? I imagine *the official line* coming out of another study would again be more of the same—if we just pay a bit more we can change the temperature of the planet.

Some day, future generations are going to look back at this time and wonder what the hell they were thinking.

Please table this misguided piece of legislature. It helps no one.

Sincerely,



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