

Greetings! My name is Aaron Brown and I'm a transportation advocate and organizer working across the Portland region. In the last four years, my work to address the injustices and shortcomings of our transportation system have time and time led me to cross paths with the reality that we heavily underestimate the enormous impacts that dirty air pollution has to our community, especially along depressingly predictable lines of race, class and gender. Automobiles are astonishingly dirty, and the health ramifications of unchecked, unregulated engines are virtually impossible to overstate. I have become radicalized into a loud vocal supporter for cleaner air regulations as I've read about the consequences of inaction, and I imagine all of you, regardless of party, would do the same when faced with the devastatingly statistics on what air pollution means to Oregonians - asthma, heart disease, dementia, lower test scores, lung cancer... a lifetime of illnesses that can be prevented and substantially improved with a \$4 charge on the VIP program seems like a pretty good deal.

I am therefore writing in to express my unabashed support for SB 5517 POP 110, and I look forward to your attention on this matter and support for this crucial legislation.