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Co-chair Spence, Co-chair Gomberg and members of the committee, Thank you for this opportunity to testify regarding support of HB 4141. At my residence of over twelve years in Portland Oregon I witnessed thousands of diesel petroleum fueled trucks pass my home. Often they idled in front of my home because of a bend in the road and a traffic signal ahead. My house literally filled with diesel soot. No amount of cleaning, filters could keep it out of our house. My child that has lived his entire life in St. Johns Portland suffered badly from asthma and I can clearly attribute the health impacts to the trucks. The air quality on my road was known to be so bad that the city down zoned the street to prevent multifamily housing They feared dense housing could result in more children living on this street and experience the awful and inevitable poor health outcomes. Our choice to live there is one that I wish I could have undone, but like many with limited incomes the choice to move was not available to me. I joined neighbors to fight for rerouting the trucks, to no avail. But the real issue was not the trucks it was the fuel. Rerouting really could not clean the air it just pushes the problem to someone else. So we need to demand clean fuel, and clean air for everyone one in Oregon. No one should have to suffer when the solution is so readily available. Please support HB 4141.