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On Behalf Of:

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I am a 26-year-old diesel enthusiast turned clean air activist. I have been advocating for clean air for three years now and I strongly support this bill as I am acutely aware of Multnomah County (and others)'s diesel pollution problems as well as the staggering health effects of diesel exhaust. I walk everywhere because I choose to not drive, which means I like many people suffer above-average diesel exposure.

Given that diesel exhaust is a known (Group I) carcinogen, it is unfathomable that anyone is forced to breathe it, especially against their will. This bill would lead to common-sense measures, especially subsection 3 which could easily be a template for legislatures everywhere to use as it is brilliant. Please encourage others to support this bill, as it would lead to overdue public-health improvements not just in Oregon but in other parts of the world as well via indirect effects (including reduced black-carbon emissions, which are a powerful albeit short-term climate forcer). Thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit testimony on this important bill.