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My name is Luis Montejo. I am a part of the parkrose community and something that you should know about my community is that we are very diverse and strong as a community. I am currently taking an activism class where we have been learning about pollution in our community and how it is affecting our community. I think speaking out about what affects the community is important because it gives everyone a fair chance to speak about how they feel about the situation or concern. A bill I agree with is HB2396 which would push the state to write rules to control the high concentrations of dangers and climate forcing air contaminants, especially diesel.

When thinking about what is impacted in the community by diesel pollution we must acknowledge that it affects human health, our environment, global climate, and environmental justice are all affected by diesel emissions. Studies show that exposure to diesel exhaust primarily affects the respiratory system and worsens allergies, asthma, bronchitis, and lung function. I personally enjoy going to local parks or views to run and enjoy the fresh air rather than running inside on a treadmill. I also enjoy playing basketball outside with my friends rather than indoors. There are times where going outside can not be enjoyable or is something I rather not do due to the air quality not being so good. I remember back in summer me and my friends had gone to Mt. Tabor park to go on a run but the air quality was just too bad as if we were breathing in air with a mix of smoke. I know that as a community we can prevent these days from recurring or becoming normalized by re-enforcing are laws that would make people aware of the dangerous of over polluting.

I hope you can hopefully acknowledge our future, have a good day thank you.