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Public testimony re: HB3119 (SB509)

I am writing to express my strong support to move forward with implementing the Clean Truck Rule. My family lives in SE Portland not far from Brooklyn Yard, which is a truck to train transfer facility. We are exposed to diesel exhaust on an ongoing basis. Diesel exposure is linked to cancer, respiratory illness, stroke, Alzheimer's, Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS), and many other health conditions. Currently, Multnomah County ranks among the worst 1% of counties **nationwide** for diesel particulate exposure. Delaying these standards as proposed in HB3119 (SB509) would needlessly harm Oregonians who are exposed to diesel emissions in high concentrations where they live and work. This issue is very important to me and my family. My son has asthma which has resulted in missed school/workdays, countless medical appointments, including emergency room visits, and a diminished quality of life. Please do the right thing by moving forward with the Clean Truck Rule as soon as possible by opposing HB3119 (SB509). California and Washington have been able to substantially reduce diesel emissions through legislation and Oregon can do the same. A publication in the journal Science (<https://www.science.org/doi/full/10.1126/science.abf8159>) has demonstrated just how successful such regulations are at saving lives. I hope you will agree that Oregonians also deserve clean air.

Thank you for your consideration,

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