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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3119

From my farm on a river island in the Willamette yesterday, I could see a distinct line of brown, polluted air surrounding me. The air tasted and smelled of smoke and diesel, and I came in from the fields with a sore throat. Our kids avoided walking and biking. Now, imagine what our neighbors with asthma were feeling.

This morning, the fog settled in around us laced again with combustion byproducts. This is not inevitable; you have power. This dirty air is a policy choice you are making.

I cannot do anything about that air inversion yesterday or the ice fog today, but you can do something about the toxic products contained in the air above us: vote "no" on this ill-conceived, ideologically-driven bill and remember that your constituents--urban and rural alike--are the ones suffering from toxic air.

Thank you for doing the right thing by voting "no" on HB 3119 when it comes up for a work session and by stopping it from moving out of committee.