

Chair and council for the record my name is Bob Anderson and my Address is 17475 Richardson Rd Dallas Oregon 97338. I own AJS Auto repair which is not far from here on 13<sup>TH</sup> and after 36 years of dealing with automobile and our environment I am very concerned about Senate Bill 212

I believe that based on the fact that the average age of automobiles in our country is ramping up faster than ever before we should not be looking at how we ramp down emission testing procedures. The average age of vehicles in 1990 was 6.5 years old. By 2011 that age increased to 10.8 years old. Obviously with no clear end in sight with our economic conditions the fleet will continue rapidly age. Here's why that becomes an air quality problem nightmare among other things. As a vehicle gets older the plastic, rubber hoses and gaskets begin to crack and as a result the vehicle begins to leak both internally and externally. The 1996 clean air act amendments were designed to limit air emissions from vehicles. The manufactures responded by equipping vehicles with a computerized on board diagnostic system or what is referred to as OBD 2. OBD 2 depends on the fact that a vehicles circulatory system is perfectly sealed. When rubber hoses and plastic tubes become compromised with age and begin to leak the system turns on a malfunction indicator lamp or more commonly known as a check engine light. That would not be such a problem if drivers would have the system repaired however many times that does not happen. The light very often is ignored and for a host of reasons. Most commonly we here that the light has been on for months

and the vehicle still runs so I don't want to spend money on that part of the car.

The problem with that is that if the car were actually operating within its environmental parameters the light would not have come on in the first place. Roughly 8 percent of the 5000 cars that went through our shop last year had check engine lights on that the customer did not want to repair. In our State we haven't even begun to address the 50,000 some barrels of crude that is used every year simply to replace the motor oil that drips from cars and ends up in our river and streams. I submit that we need more stringent vehicle inspections not less. We need more test sites not less.