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Subject: In support of SB 824 - Clean Diesel Bill

Hello,

I am writing to urge the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to continue its work on SB 824 . As a matter of public health we need to keep Oregon from becoming the dumping ground for California's rejected diesel trucks, and to take meaningful steps at reducing our already too high levels of dirty diesel exhaust.

I understand air pollution. As a child I grew up in what is referred to as cancer alley - the corridor between Lake Charles, Louisiana and Houston, Texas, where my father worked as a chemical engineer. I believe I have paid a heavy price for this, when doctors discovered a golfball sized tumor growing in my lung when I was 37 years old. As a life long runner, who put hundreds of miles a week in while in my teens and twenties, it was no doubt in my mind that the probable cause was dirty air.

But when I moved to Portland in the 1990's and chose this as the place to raise my three children, I never dreamed that I was putting them at the same risk. My children attend schools identified by USA Today as being in the top 2% of having the most polluted air in the nation because of our proximity to the industrial sanctuary we can see from our front porch. We also live close to major freeways that circle our city. Research shows that the highest rates of asthma are in communities living near freeways . So, it's perhaps no surprise that with this onslaught of polluted air, my wife, children and I all have all had asthma (which I and my wife didn't have until we moved to Oregon).

We urge you to keep working. We support your effort to find a reasonable pathway through collaborative discussions with businesses that will be most affected. But don't let business shut down this conversation before it begins. Oregon should act for the health of all Oregonians, to bring itself inline with our neighbors and ban the polluting diesel trucks that have been banned in California.

Thank you and kind regards for the opportunity to comment.

Best,

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