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**SENATOR ALAN C. BATES, D.O.**

District 3

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TO: Oregon State Senators

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RE: Vote "YES" on SB 324 Relating to reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation fuels

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The American Lung Association in Oregon urges your support of SB 324. This legislation will move forward our mission of saving lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.

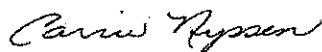
Air pollution affects the health of all Oregonians, but disproportionately impacts children, the elderly, low-income communities and those with chronic illnesses such as lung and heart disease. And these health affects cost our state millions of dollars annually with health care expenses and lost productivity in Oregon's workplaces.

Transportation accounts for the greatest share of Oregon's greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants. Cleaner fuels are vital to reduce smog and soot pollution; cleaner fuels can directly reduce common health problems caused by toxic air pollution, like asthma, cancer and COPD.

People do not have choice in the air they breathe. Breathing polluted air shortens life expectancy and increases visits to health care providers and hospitals. Cleaner fuels are critical to those living near major freeways, ports, rail yards and other pollution hotspots.

The transition to clean fuels and clean transportation technologies is a win-win - it's a win for climate and a win for our lung health and public health.

Sincerely,



Carrie Nyssen