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My name is Joe Hovey and I am a resident of SE Portland, OR.

There are currently a number of bills up for discussion and passage as they relate to reforming Oregon's industrial air quality regulations. HB 2269 is a bill that needs to be passed as it complements many of the other bills currently under consideration. It provides needed funding for our goal of improving air quality in Oregon.

As we already know, one of the most dangerous, industrial sourced cancer causing air pollutants is diesel particulate! And due to Oregon's weak regulations on diesel emissions from trucks and rail, we are at our most vulnerable. Some studies suggest the current levels of Diesel PM in our air puts Oregonians at 6 times more cancer risk that all other airborne carcinogens. That is much greater than EPA standards!

We simply can not allow businesses to go unchecked or unregulated when it comes to Diesel PM and other airborne pollutants. Businesses need to take greater responsibility for monitoring, reporting and insuring they are compliant! The citizens of Oregon should not have to pay the costs in terms of poor health and raising taxes.

There are a number of reports out there that detail the harmful affects of Diesel PM. And yet somehow, those are never considered in the equation. It's always the costs to businesses. It would be great if this whole situation was addressed in a holistic way - balancing out the economic health impacts of air pollution with the costs to businesses.

So I support this bill as a means of funding "clean air initiatives" and providing checks and balances on toxic emissions into our air from various businesses.

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