From: Jennifer Starkey
To: JWMNR Exhibits
Subject: I support HB 2269
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Dear Committee Administrator:

I'm a resident of the North Piedmont Neighborhood in Portland and live blocks from I-5, Columbia Blvd, MLK Jr Blvd, and one block from Lombard (Hwy 30) at 7549 N Albina Ave, 97217.

In this location I am exposed to 0.97 - 1.24 micrograms of diesel particulate per cubic meter, largely because of commercial trucks, buses, and machinery. Diesel particulate is a carcinogen. I grew up in SW Portland, and I know that the community there (which is also much whiter, and much more wealthy) experiences much lower levels of diesel particulate.

I have contacted House Speaker Tina Kotek, Senator Lew Frederick, and Governor Kate Brown about my support of House Bill 2269, which will help regulate the air quality in my neighborhood.

It's shocking to me that for so long, Oregon has put its most vulnerable citizens' health at risk with lax air quality regulation. It is fair for the sources of air pollution to be held accountable for the cost of its regulation. If companies are contributing to unsafe air for citizens (not to mention all the other animals and plants that live here), they need to pay. Citizens should not have to pay for the consequences of commercial air pollution through suffering and medical bills. DEQ's ability to enforce regulations cannot be undermined by poor funding.

Thank you to the Oregon Legislature and Governor Brown in your work to ensure all Oregonians have safe air, water, and land.

Sincerely,

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