

Joint Ways and Means Committee

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Dear Co-Chair, Please support HR2269-A Cleaner Air Oregon.

Clean air is an important right for all, as we move into summer (globally more heating locally), more stagnant air, more kids learning to enjoy playing outside. Kids should have the right to be outside and be healthy as they grow to functioning adults. We may be robbing kids of becoming functioning adults, and we may be seeing up-tick in adults with asthma: learning disabilities, permanent lung damage and pneumonia which will do little to support a working adult's ability to contribute to the economy of Oregon.

Unregulated air pollution at PM2.5 exposure over time is a silent killer, and contributes to ongoing financial burden to Oregon to sustain a lifetime of illness associated with air pollution exposure to our youth and everyone. The poor work, live, and go to school in areas where silent killer, PM2.5 from Industry and Highways is emitted.

State of Oregon Health and Social Services will continue to support each generation of youth as unhealthy, unproductive adults over time as Kids are not finding clean air and a successful healthy future a right as they live and play outside.

DEQ is seeking support for funding increase to better work for Oregon and for legal enforcement of air quality regulation's which support long term health of everyone in Oregon.

Citation to article on global air quality and children:

Oct 2016 [Clean The Air For Children](#) ISBN 978-92-806-4854 [Climateatunicef.org](#)  
Clean The Air For Children states: PM2.5 is among the most dangerous pollutants and globally children are threatened with breathing in these particles, develop serious health problems. Industrialization and global pollution increases, children are directly impacted.

Support HR2269-A Cleaner Air Oregon to help bring air quality and safety to all.

I live in: SE Corvallis, equal distance to: Highway 99W, and the single global manufacture of microfiber glass and Lincoln Elementary where: staff and kids are always outside playing for recess, lunch and breaks, going home on propane powered buses waiting in line outside. Both: the local glass fiber plant and Highway 99 W continuously release PM2.5 particulate as waste, exhaust and "steam" into air shed of Corvallis. Everyone is exposed, and everyone's health is damaged by poor and outdated air regulations and currently, underfunding of Oregon DEQ.

Industry keeps right on track, profiting and polluting under outdated air pollution emission regulations and backlog of industrial air permit monitoring by underfunded DEQ, while Oregon residents health continues to be damaged from the poor condition of the air we all must breath supporting deteriorating long term health, and increased health care cost and health care profit.

We are all dealing with some degree of air quality associated, poor health and degraded work productivity. Air pollution which is not regulated currently, directly impacts the future of our youth and adds to everyone paying with their health, in sustained, lifetime of poor health, as adult exposure to long term PM25 supports degraded lung function and breathing and cognitive problems. Industrial and auto pollution adds to the robber of millions of a lifetime: Alzheimer's which is taking away, younger and younger adults, both male and female.

PM2.5 exposures over time, as we have in Oregon, support ongoing human cognitive decline. Support HR 2269-A and funding and support to bring DEQ up to standards which need to occur to keep Oregon air safer to live, grow up and work in.

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