

I am a pediatrician in Eugene Oregon and am writing in support of Senate Bill 1008 and in support of children.

Children are not little adults. Their bodies are changing and developing, and exposing them to the toxic fumes of old diesel engines is exposing them to particulate matter that penetrates far down into their airways. This leads to increased lung inflammation and respiratory symptoms in children with asthma. It is terrifying to see a child come in to clinic struggling to breathe. They can die from asthma. They miss school days and their parents miss work.

Parents should not have to fear their children riding a school bus because it exposes them to hours of toxic diesel exhaust. They should not have to fear their children breathing the air while playing outside on the playground, in parks, or outside their house because of toxic diesel fumes on the streets.

Every year that you delay getting these old diesel engines off the road commits our children to poorer health now and in the future. Please don't let our beautiful state of Oregon be the dumping ground for California's and Washington's old diesel engine trucks and buses.

Please pass Senate Bill 1008.

Thank you for this opportunity to share my viewpoint.

Respectfully,

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