

Hello -- I'm writing this quick email to the Senate Rules Committee in support of SB 1008. I hear Oregon is on it's way to prohibiting the addition of older diesel engines and equipment to fleets in our state. This is so important to me. As California and Washington, our neighbors to the North and South have enacted similar legislation the air quality in our state has suffered. I have personally witnessed this. Working for the last six years in the industrial area of NW Portland, I no longer spend time outdoors near my office. When I started here, I enjoyed eating outside during the summer months and walking outdoors on my lunch break. Over the last two years I notice more often the smell of diesel exhaust in the area. Sometimes it is so heavy in the air I choke and cough just walking from my car to my office door. On some days it hangs in the air all afternoon. The health effects of this level of exposure greatly concern me.

Without SB 1008 I believe this problem will only get worse. In addition, I believe this bill needs a timeline added to it. Without a deadline, the industries employing these vehicles have no incentive to switch to less polluting machinery in a timely manner.

Thank you for your time in considering this matter.

Sincerely,
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