

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to demand that legislators restore SB 1008. This is an issue of public health and climate safety. We need to bring back the expiration date for dirty diesel engines in Oregon, stop the dumping of engines outlawed in California, lift the pre-emption on local idling ordinances and use the VW settlement dollars to clean up school buses and protect EJ communities.

Diesel pollution in Oregon is increasing risk of cancer; damaging the heart, lungs; brain function; causing premature death; costing billions in health care costs and lost productivity. While cleaner diesel engines can run with 95% less pollution; deliver as much as \$17 in health benefits for every clean-up dollar invested; and can deliver short-term benefits to our climate by reducing black carbon pollution.

We need a firm timeline for retiring or retrofitting the dirtiest diesel engines currently in use, or we will continue to lose lives and pay the high cost of chronic disease attributable to diesel pollution. Most recent amendments are a step in the right direction: they establish timelines for school buses to protect our young people from the worst of the old, dirty diesel engines still in circulation on their way to and from school. But those same young people will continue to have lifetime health issues if we don't do a better job of curbing diesel emissions statewide.

Thank you,
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