

Dear Senate Committee on Rules,

I am greatly encouraged by Senator Dembrow's dash three amendments to SB 1008. They move us in the right direction in our attempt to give Oregonians cleaner, healthier air, but it is my hope that when the bill moves to the Ways and Means committee clear and prompt deadlines will be established for replacing current old dirty diesel engines on vehicles and trucks currently in use in Oregon as well as prohibit the operation of old diesel engines in the future.

I understand that various industry leaders convinced some lawmakers to gut the diesel bill recently, making it pretty useless. I'm guessing that they convinced lawmakers that the economy would suffer as a result of a strict diesel law like California and Washington state currently have. Ask yourself, however: how are the economies in California and Washington? They don't appear to be suffering from their diesel restrictions!

Oregon is the least healthy state on the west coast, essentially the Alabama of the northwest. Diesel emissions are undoubtedly part of that equation: they impact and increase cancer rates, lung disease, heart disease and cognitive decline. How is that good for Oregon's economy?

It is estimated that for every dollar spent on enforcing and replacing old diesel engines, \$17 in health costs would be saved. Any businessman or woman should be able to see that those numbers make economic sense.

Please don't give in to the selfishness of industry. Clean air is a right, not a privilege! Please pass a diesel bill that will actually accomplish getting outdated diesel engines off of Oregon's roads!

Sincerely,

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