

Dear Representative,

Please support House Bill 4003.

We know that diesel pollution:

- causes more fatalities than traffic crashes
- puts Oregonians at heightened risk of cancer in at least 17 Oregon counties
- damages the heart, lungs and brain
- is at highest concentration in neighborhoods with more low-income and people-of-color residents
(Think North Portland near the Minnesota Freeway aka Interstate 5)

Furthermore, we know the following concerning facts:

- Oregon has become a dumping ground for dirty diesel engines because our state lags behind others in regulating diesel and funding diesel cleanup. We need to prohibit the sale of pre-2007 engines in Oregon and adopt standards to accelerate the purchase of cleaner engines (including electric vehicles and equipment).
- Diesel [harms our health](#), from heart disease to cancer, from asthma attacks to neurological problems, diesel is one of the most dangerous, insidious, and widespread air pollutants.
- Vulnerable individuals include children, the elderly, people whose health is already compromised, and people living in neighborhoods with higher than average numbers of low-income families and people of color.
- Diesel contributes to climate change--diesel soot is a [black carbon](#).
- Diesel is an [occupational hazard](#).
- See Oregon Environmental Council's [Dirt on Diesel](#) report for more information about all of the above.

Sincerely,

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