

Dear House Committee on Health Care~

This is my plea to pass Oregon House Bill 4003 on February 9.!

It is time to get serious about the heavy diesel pollution that threatens all Oregonians especially people of color, low income, the elderly and children! Our Oregon children are the future and we are allowing the pollution of their growing bodies by not insisting on reducing air pollution in our state. The current air pollution standards were written when this state had a lower population. The fact is we're growing, there is more traffic on our roads than ever before, and dirty diesel exhaust is a toxic threat to all Oregonians!

Diesel fumes puts 17 counties in Oregon at higher risk of cancer! Diesel pollution causes more fatalities than traffic crashes, it damages the heart, the lungs and the brain! Diesel accelerates climate change by creating black soot, and excess black carbon in our air!

Our neighbors, the states of Washington and California, have stricter diesel air pollution laws than Oregon! It's time to make laws that effectively protect peoples health at a time when the accumulated effect of multiple sources of air pollution is not measured or understood, but undoubtedly is a very serious health threat!!. We need to continue Oregon's green reputation for livability that should be a model for the world, but at the current moment is nothing but a joke!

Be bold and brave! Pass this law! It is way overdue!!!

Sincerely yours hoping for better health for all Oregonians!

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PS. ~ I smell paint stink at my house every winter from the Daimler truck painting facility on Swan Island! I've lived less than 1/2 mile from the facility for 25 years and the company refuses to put proper air filters on their paint off gas stacks! The paint chemicals are carcinogenic! So diesel is not the only pollution that my family and my neighbors have to deal with!!!