

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my support for HB 4002. I am a mom with 2 young daughters, and I am often concerned by the air quality in our neighborhood. We live near the city of Milwaukee by 99E, where there are

several industrial companies and many diesel trucks. At least once per week, there is a powerful chemical smell in our neighborhood, and there is often the smell of diesel smoke, particularly during rush hour when the trucks are just idling.

I am worried about my daughters' health. My father, who passed away last year from emphysema, was also concerned about our health and encouraged us to move after my youngest daughter developed a massive trachea infection when she was 18 months old. We stay because we love Oregon and because I have a job here, but I am so worried that the air quality will shorten my daughters' lives- it seems to be getting worse every year.

Please pass this bill and fund the DEQ and the Cleaner Air Oregon program. Your constituents need your help with this- please help us by giving the DEQ the money it needs to monitor and enforce the law, and by passing tough regulations for air quality.

Thank you,
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