

It is very important to the health of Oregonians that you **support HB 4002** that will fund the Cleaner Air Oregon program. Citizen input has been given for more than a year in the Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority hearings that culminated in the newly proposed Cleaner Air Oregon regulations. These new rules for the very first time will specifically use health impacts as the criteria for regulating toxic emissions from industries. It is imperative that these rules not be diluted and that they are fully implemented. They will begin to give our citizens a fighting chance against industry arguments that they have a “right” to pollute because it means more jobs and more money for our economy. In fact, the health costs, lost productivity to toxin-induced health problems, human misery, and similar considerations trump those “jobs and money” arguments from industry.

It is past time for Oregon government to take the meaningful steps included in Cleaner Air Oregon regulations to protect the health of our citizens. Please do your part by ensuring that this program is funded by passing HB 4002 with no dilution of its impact via amendments.

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