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Senator Michael Dembrow, Chair
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court Street NE, HR C
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: SB 1508

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

We write in support of SB 1508 to improve air quality for Oregonians by authorizing increased funding to implement the Cleaner Air Oregon program.

Emissions of air toxics threaten public health in Portland and communities throughout Oregon. Protection of public health demands a focus on risk- and science-based approaches to air toxics permitting and reduction of local concentrations of air toxics. The Cleaner Air Oregon program will provide that approach. The City of Portland participated in the Cleaner Air Oregon rulemaking advisory process and strongly supports the increased fee authority in SB 1508 to fund the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to develop and implement the Cleaner Air Oregon program.

The City of Portland respectfully urges your support for SB 1508. Thank you for your consideration.

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