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I support HB 4002 - to fund DEQ's Cleaner Air Oregon program.

I lived in NW Portland for decades and experienced first-hand terrible industrial pollution in my neighborhood from the Esco foundry. Now I live in N Portland and I have bad problems from diesel truck exhaust; my home is only one block off of N Lombard Street, a heavy truck route. We need to do more to work for clean air to protect health of all Oregonians.

The finding of high concentrations of industrial heavy metals in moss samples spurred a massive mobilization to address the public health risk after decades of neglect by regulators. Governor Brown responded quickly with the Cleaner Air Oregon initiative, tasking Oregon DEQ and Oregon Health Authority to work together to establish health based standards for air permits. Since then a team of public advocates, industry reps, local governments have spent two exhaustive years in hundreds of hours of meetings and submitting hundreds of pages of comments. Just last fall, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority released a draft of the Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO) rules, which will be finalized this spring and presented for adoption to the Environmental Quality Commission in July 2018.

Advocates such as my self feel the new rules did not go nearly far enough to establish enforceable limits on dangerous pollution, but there was consensus that the new program would be a huge leap forward in the effort to better assess risk and provide more robust over site to clean up the most dangerous pollution in our state. Reframing the nature of industrial emissions facility by facility no longer through an alphabet of outdated technology based standards (MACT, TBAC, RACT, etc), the new CAO rules emphasize common sense risk evaluations based on the total amount of human exposure and the potential toxicity of each pollutant. Thank you. C. Skinner / N Portland