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I am in **support of SB 1508 and in opposition to SB 1541**. Pass SB 1508 to allow full funding for the implementation of Cleaner Air Oregon.

People have a fundamental right to know what is in the air they are breathing, especially from Oregon's Oil Refiners and Re-Refiners. THE CAO RULES PROVIDE THE PUBLIC INFORMATION.

OREGON lawmakers must STEP UP and join the rest of the 31 States who have health-based air toxic regulations. Please APPROVE the requested funding for this important and long-overdue program by passing SB 1508."

I OPPOSE SB 1541. Cleaner Air Oregon is designed protect public health. Fund the rules as written.

SB 1541 is an attempt to weaken the health-based standards set by Cleaner Air Oregon to make them more palatable for certain industries (ie Oil refineries) and their legal counsel. And it contains a clause on page 3 that bars the public from using public information to seek redress of grievances thru litigation. That is NOT good.

Two photos (article excerpts) for your review before you vote.

Best regards,

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In 1972, Day's DEQ challenged claims made by Salem's Boise Cascade pulp mill that sufficient anti-pollution measures were in place. Day issued an ultimatum: If Boise Cascade failed to mitigate air and water pollution by July 19, DEQ would shut down the mill. Boise Cascade didn't, and Day's attorneys filed an injunction. Boise Cascade then closed the mill on its own, blaming McCall and the DEQ. Angry workers marched on the Capitol, but McCall stood up for his DEQ, telling the assembled crowd that management was "using you as pawns." McCall and Day then led workers back to Boise Cascade to confront mill management -- which backed down, agreeing to Oregon's terms.

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McCall, Mosser and Day provide ample demonstration that "Republican" and "environmentalist" need not become mutually exclusive identities. A robust DEQ does not limit Oregon's ability to maintain a vibrant economy. Principled environmental leadership, political regard for human and ecological health and support for environmentally conscious industry can restore the conservationist ethic of the McCall era.

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