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Subject: YES I support SB 1508
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Dear Honorable Senators,

Today you have a choice to protect your children and the children of Oregon state with stronger, well-funded mandates for Cleaner air, through SB 1508. Please vote YES for SB 1508!!

And vote NO on SB 1541, which would weaken our air quality standards!

Industry will tell you that SB 1508 is going to cost jobs, will run industry out of state, and hurt Oregon's economy.

And short-sighted folks will tell you that we shouldn't spend extra to protect our lungs, and to clean up our air.

Currently, about 360,000 children and adults in Oregon have asthma, according to the recent Oregon asthma report:

<http://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/DISEASES/CONDITIONS/CHRONICDISEASE/ASTHMA/Documents/alplan.pdf>

In fact, asthma is up by 25% nationally, over the past decade. Further, new studies have found polluted air also contributes to birth defects, heart attacks, obesity, type-2 diabetes and other common ailments, which cost the nation billions in health costs and lost productivity.

<http://diabetes.diabetesjournals.org/content/early/2017/01/27/db16-1416.long>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27645613>

Our own daughter had such severe asthma as a child here in SE Portland, we had to pull her from kindergarten as she was missing too many classes, and she had to be homeschooled.

In February 2016, we were stunned to learn that Bullseye Glass factory, just 8 blocks from our home, had been operating for decades without filtration, spewing literally tons of lead, mercury, arsenic, hexavalent chromium, and other heavy metals into our neighborhood.

Both of my children were conceived and born just blocks from this factory, and we have eaten daily from my very extensive, lovingly tended organic vegetable garden and orchard. In Feb 2016, immediately after discovering that the rootless moss in our neighborhood had toxic levels of lead and cadmium, I followed OSU extension guidelines to collect and test my soil and garden plant tissue at certified A&L labs.

Despite my organically amended garden soil testing at DEQ's prescribed "normal ranges" for heavy metals, my plant tissue was at "unsafe levels" for cadmium and lead, according to CA health standards and World Health Organization standards.

After years of suffering from severe asthma, allergies, nearly daily pain and extreme fatigue, my eldest was diagnosed with Postural Orthostatic Tachycardia, POTS syndrome, which is characterized by fainting, extremely rapid heartbeat, nausea, fatigue and dizziness. This chronic disorder can be caused by exposure to heavy metals.

This illness has had profound effects on my child's life. Our U of O college honor student, at 20 years old, must now often use a walker to walk, and when crossing the street and hope she doesn't faint doing so. She had to drop a class because she could not climb three flights of stairs when the elevator was down.

We have the technologies to mitigate air pollution. Industry has used human beings, their workers, ordinary citizens and their children like mine, as living filters to enriching a few.

It is time to commit to a healthier future. Your votes will save lives and enrich our economy with more robust citizens and workers, and a cleaner environment will attract tourist dollars and new Oregonians.

Please vote YES on SB 1508.

Thank you!
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Bee Friendly Portland

70 of 100 of our most consumed foods depend on bees for pollination. Help save our dying bees!

- 1) Buy organic and local foods when possible.
- 2) avoid GMOS, which are heavily treated with very bee-toxic chemicals.
- 3) grow lots of organic flowers, including dandelions, important bee forage- avoid herbicides and pesticides.
- 4) place out shallow dishes of water with pebbles in them for thirsty bees.
- 5) leave an area of your yard wild for native bees (like bumblebees) to nest in ground undisturbed.
- 6) tell your nursery to TRACK their plants to make sure they are not pretreated with pesticides.

7) help stop climate change, which is also killing bees: turn down heat, hang out clothes, avoid driving and flying unless absolutely necessary, buy reused goods, recycle, avoid plastics- which are petroleum products, eat less meat and dairy, especially conventional -both depend on huge water usage and large petroleum chemical inputs, avoid chemical laden products- many chemicals are produced with petroleum.

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