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Greetings,

I am writing to urge support for HB 2007 to clean up dirty diesel ASAP. I love my home in St Johns, but my house is only one block over from N. Lombard St. That is designated as a heavy truck route and the trucks are rolling by almost all the time. There are many families in my community with children who live on or near N. Lombard.

Diesel exhaust contains ultra-fine particulate matter that can penetrate deep into the lungs and by pass the human system for avoiding dust. Those particles can be coated with metals, and they are known to be a serious health hazard. There is black diesel dust on my window frames, and I fear that diesel dust gets onto plants in my garden too, including food crops like vegetables.

I don't like the fact that CA has put higher standards on diesel, but so far, Oregon has not. It's not right that their old trucks can just come on up here. We need to strengthen rules about diesel exhaust via HB 2007 to protect the health of all Oregonians. Thank you. C. Skinner / Portland, OR