



**NORTHEAST COALITION
OF NEIGHBORHOODS**

March 18, 2019

Dear Chair Helm, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Schouten and Members of the Committee,

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods expresses our support for HB 2007, as a step toward cleaner air in Oregon *if* the bill amended to incorporate shorter timelines and addresses the loophole on "glider trucks."

NECN represents more than 60,000 neighbors in inner Northeast Portland neighborhoods, all of which either border major freeways or are near in proximity to a concentration of diesel truck operators located along the Columbia Corridor. Subsequently, residents in our neighborhoods are *highly impacted* by diesel emissions and we suffer disproportionately from the current lack of air quality regulations on diesel emissions. Two of our schools border directly on the Interstate 5 freeway and Portland State University scientists advise that children at these schools should limit outdoor time due air quality concerns.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, the majority of our district ranks among the 80- 90 percentile for Diesel Particulate Matter levels in air in the nation. Our entire city ranks among the 95-100 percentile for the worst quality in the Air Toxics Respiratory Hazard Index.

In order for this bill to be adequate in addressing the issue, we request that you:

Shorten the timeline for phase out of 2010 model year engines or equivalent to six years to match the deadline of the California's truck and bus rule of 2023. We cannot wait until 2029.

Ensure the phase-in schedule prioritizes implementation in the areas of greatest concern (where the most sensitive populations live, in areas of the greatest pollution, and where the greatest number of people are exposed); we know that our district, and other areas which border us, will benefit.

Identify a compliance mechanism to support emission reductions in areas of greatest concern, such as our community and those who boarder freeways and trucking routes.

We stress that the loophole on zombie ("glider") trucks must be closed. We want to ensure all vehicles of the same model year are held to the same standard--even if old engines are put into new truck bodies.

Incorporate a sticker registration program for all engines: the bill should require vehicle owners or operators to visibly display both the year of cab manufacture and the year of engine manufacture on the side of each cab.

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Being that our district is experiencing a boom in construction and demolition, we support clean diesel during construction through ensuring that:

Any public improvement project funded by state bonds of \$20 million or more, at least 80% of the vehicles and equipment used on the construction site must be powered by clean diesel engines.

Lastly, for equity to be a strong factor in this effort, we also stress that the EQC must consider how to assist disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned businesses, women-owned businesses, and businesses owned by service-disabled veterans. These are the operators who deserve and need the most support in our community.

Our community and much of Oregon is experiencing an air quality crisis that cannot be deferred. We entreat you to act now to strengthen HB 2007 and support the health and vitality of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mariah Dula". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mariah Dula
President of the Board
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods