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Dear Chair Helm, Vice Chair Reschke, Vice Chair Schouten and Committee Members:

My name is Rachel Slocum and I am writing in support of HB 2007. However, I am also requesting that this measure be strengthened.

I am a newcomer to the state of Oregon, having moved here from Massachusetts. I live in NE Portland and have been struck by the poor air quality as I go running in my neighborhood. But there are more important reasons to pass a better bill: improving public health, making policy that confronts racial and class inequalities, and lowering greenhouse gas emissions.

According to OPAL, 350PDX and Neighbors for Clean Air, HB 2007 needs to

- 1) Match California's diesel law
- 2) Close a loophole that allows old engines in new truck bodies
- 3) Require registration stickers allowing easier enforcement
- 4) Prioritize areas of greatest exposure in the phase-in schedule

Thank you for introducing this legislation. I'm glad that the state of Oregon is finally moving on diesel pollution. It seems we have taken longer than other states to do so. Though I must say, after reading the Oregonian's report on the influence of corporate money in environmental policy-making, I am not particularly hopeful at the ability of the legislature to actually legislate in the best interests of the most vulnerable, the historically marginalized, and the rest of us who have kids, who breathe the air, and who want a livable climate in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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