

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

My name is Robert Hemphill and I live in the Elliot neighborhood of Northeast Portland. I believe everyone has the right to clean and healthy air. As someone who lives blocks from a freeway, the passage of this bill directly affects me.

I have also been working to oppose the expansion of the Rose Quarter Freeway in the backyard of Harriet Tubman Middle School. The lack of diesel regulations in the state of Oregon are appalling and a threat to the health of children and adults the like. Further, we know that this is a justice issue, with low-income communities and communities of color disproportionately exposed to diesel pollutants.

I urge you to support the work of the Oregon Just Transition Alliance and their partner organizations and please swiftly move forward with passage of HB 2007. Thank you for your time.

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