



March 15, 2019

Representative Ken Helm, Chair
House Committee on Energy and Environment
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St. NE, HR D
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Support for HB 2007

Dear Chair Helm and Members of the Committee:

The City of Hillsboro supports HB 2007, which will help protect public health and environmental quality by reducing the generation of particulate air pollution through diesel exhaust.

As you know, Hillsboro is one of many communities in Oregon with relatively elevated levels of diesel particulate air pollution. HB 2007 is aligned with existing City of Hillsboro goals and investments to improve air quality. We believe that the proposal will help us to achieve our goals by reducing diesel particulate air pollution. This will protect our community members, especially those at greatest risk.

We feel it is time to make the investments necessary to modernize fleets in our community so that they pollute less, and to stop older, more polluting fleet vehicles from coming to Oregon at the end of their permitted useful lives elsewhere. We support the opportunity to use funds from the VW settlement to improve air quality, and the support the bill will provide for local governments to reduce unnecessary idling in our communities.

Thank you for considering this testimony. We urge your support.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Peter Brandom'.

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City of Hillsboro