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I write on behalf of Alliance for Democracy, Oregon

We write in strong support of HB2007 as long as it is strengthened.

The Oregon legislature has considered legislation designed to clean Oregon's air by regulating diesel engine use in Oregon several times. It has never passed. The current legislature has yet one more time this session to get this done. HB2007 needs to be passed so that the dirty diesel engines from other states, especially California, which have passed updated laws requiring that diesel engines which don't meet clean air standard, are removed from our roads and construction sites. Unfortunately, those engines are currently sold into Oregon to cause more cases of lung cancer, low-weight births, heart attacks and asthma. Oregon has become a dumping ground for illness causing diesel trucks.

We support strong standards, stronger than those included in this bill, HB2007. Corrections which must be made include decreasing the full decade for compliance to match that in California – 2023, not 2029. After all, the CA standard requires that diesel engines met 2010 federal diesel standards.

Additionally, the Glider Truck loophole must be closed. We cannot allow old diesel engines to be dressed up in a new shiny shell and continue to operate in Oregon.

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