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

My name is Michael Hall. I am among the advocates for passage of the Clean Diesel Bill. Of course we all have a right to clean and healthy air. And that issue is a very personal one to me.

Starting in 1998 my work was in a building a block away from and under the 405 freeway in NE Portland. The building had operable windows and I often worked with those windows open to the outside air. I could often smell the freeway, but did not fully understand the implications of that.

A decade later in 2008 I was diagnosed with stage four throat cancer. Thanks to the skill of Kaiser doctors, I was able to beat the cancer and am alive today to tell about it. While there is no certainty that the dirty air from the freeway was the sole cause of my cancer, it is my strong belief that the diesel exhaust I was breathing for that decade was, if not the only reason, at the very least a significant factor in my illness.

I respectfully request that you support HB 2007 and include strong amendments to have it implemented soon.

Thank you for being a champion of clean air in Oregon.

With appreciation

Michael Hall