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Testimony for HB 2007 Diesel Bill

I am writing this testimony for the HB 2007 Diesel Bill. I believe that we have to make the living conditions of our urban centers safer than they are right now. The amount of chemicals and gases every human intakes while in urban centers is unacceptable. I am a senior at Lincoln High school, which means I go to school everyday right next to a large interstate highway. I have started to struggle with asthma starting my first year of high school at Lincoln. I have had to get an inhaler and skip many days of P.E. and weightlifting due to this. Even though this is not a huge impact on my life, diesel pollution impacts too many citizens of the Portland area. Over 400 premature deaths, over 140 non-fatal heart attacks, and over 25,000 work loss days. Portland is the 95th percentile of counties affected by diesel pollution. Why would we let this happen to our citizens.

I think having all old diesel engines change to a 2010 model year engine or better by 2029 is completely reasonable. If we know the health risks of what the old engines do to our people it should be a large importance to us to change. Even though these engines might be moved to other states, it will prompt them to make change like us and California.