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

I am sure you all recognize the importance of clean air to all Oregonians. Among the many health consequences of toxic air quality which exists in our state is exacerbation of asthma attacks. We tend to think of asthma as a treatable condition, which to some degree it is. However, as a young nurse I witnessed a woman die as a result of an asthma attack in the emergency room. Even with medical care available she could not be saved.

Multnomah Co. is at the 95th percentile nationally related to exposure concentrations of diesel. Many other states obviously handle this issue better and Oregon can also.

Please strengthen HB 2007 to require 2010 model engines or newer on medium and heavy duty trucks by 2023.

Stop the addition of older trucks to fleets.

Include enforcement of regulations by requiring visible inspection stickers showing the year of the cab as well as the engine manufacture.

Use VW funds to assist those most in need to update their trucks.

Make requirements to improve air quality at construction sites.

Please take action to improve air quality in Oregon, and protect all of us. Please make this a priority.

Thank you,

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