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Dear Legislators,

Thank you for your work on HB 2007. Cleaning up the dirty diesel in Oregon will be a step in the right direction for Oregon, a state which suffers some of the most profound pollution problems in the country. It is truly an outrage that as Oregonians we pride ourselves on the environmental health of our home while for so many long years our regulations and regulatory institutions have permitted some of the most egregious pollution excesses. And Oregonians have paid the price with our own health and the suffering of our loved ones.

Diesel is one of the serious pollution sources and another instance where we have failed to meet our neighbors' environmental achievements. Oregon has *the* worst and weakest regulation of diesel emissions on the West Coast. What a shock it is to most residents to learn that we are a dumping ground for California, Idaho and Washington who have stepped up and passed world class diesel regulations to protect their populations.

HB2007 is a good step in the right direction but there are some key issues that could make this just another failure to take environmental health seriously in Oregon--or, if done right, put us on track to live up to our green reputation.

To that end I ask our legislators to understand **that our lives are on the line here and 2029 is too permissive to allow existing dirty trucks to operate in Oregon.**

Therefore:

1. Establish a 2023 deadline for all trucks to meet the 2010 emissions standards. Also,
2. require that an owner or operator of a diesel vehicle be required to carry proof that the *vehicle* meets federal emissions standards for the model year in which the *vehicle* was manufactured or assembled.
3. Direct DEQ to develop a sticker identification program for all construction related equipment to help fleet managers and local governments meet clean diesel construction standards.

Thank you for your your time and hard work.

Sincerely,
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