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Hello,

I am writing to urge support for HB2007 as a small step in a much needed direction. The negative impacts of diesel engine emission on human health, wildlife, ecosystems and climate are well-documented.

I would like to call special attention to ongoing research on the impacts of poor air quality on child development and learning, and what this research is telling us about the hours and hours of breathing that happen in our schools day after day, year after year. The next generation of problem-solvers and leaders should be offered the best possible conditions for cognitive and social-emotional development, and consistent exposure to diesel fumes is undermining that broadly shared goal. This is a topic I have been hearing more and more about in recent years, and is something many, many parents are beginning to focus on.

Connecting this dot into the rationale for strengthening the legal foundation for cleaner air is timely and purposeful.

Thank you for your consideration,
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