

Chair Ken Helm, Vice Chari E. Werner Reschke, Vice Chair Sheri Schouten, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Joe Hovey, a resident living in SE Portland - Creston Kenilworth, and a volunteer member of a local group - Portland Neighbors for Diesel Action (PNDA).

I, along with other members of PNDA, attended the Public Hearing on HB 2007, as well as submitting written testimony as to why we support this bill, and what we would like to see in terms of strengthening it.

Upon further thought, we consider idling an issue that truly needs to be addressed within this bill. Large vehicles which idle their engines fill the air with diesel pollutants, most notably around busy state highways and civic corridors. A number of these corridors are often near schools, nursing homes and hospitals. At the very least, we, as a state, should adopt the California anti-idling law for commercial vehicles (over 10,000 lbs gross vehicle weight). And we should continue to plan on removing the preemption so that local governments can protect vulnerable populations on the both the Local / County levels.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important legislation.

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