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Dear Chair Helm and Members of the HEE Committee,

As HB 2007 heads into a work session, I hope you will keep public health as your top concern and bear the following points in mind. The public has already waited quite a long time for significant air quality legislation, decades where our children have been exposed to toxic air and their health has suffered. This is not a new issue before you and I hope that you will seize the opportunity to make good on your role as protectors of the health of all Oregonians. Cleaner Air Oregon was a good, if eleventh-hour, start but it did not include one of the most deadly and ubiquitous air pollutants we are exposed to. Now is your chance. Please take it whole-heartedly and with the future in mind. Please see to it that work-session changes to the bill will:

Shorten the deadline for compliance from 2029 to 2023, matching California's program and halting the addition of old engines to Oregon's roads. We cannot wait until 2029.

Close the loophole on zombie ("glider") trucks: we want to ensure all vehicles of the same model year are held to the same standard--even if old engines are put into new truck bodies

Incorporate a sticker registration program for all engines, requiring vehicle operators to visibly display both the year of cab manufacture and the year of engine manufacture on the side of each cab.

Ensure the phase-in schedule prioritizes implementation in the areas of greatest concern (where the most sensitive populations live, where there is the greatest pollution, and where the most people are exposed).

Ensure the compliance mechanisms do not result in fewer emission reductions in the areas of greatest concern.

Thank you for holding the line and fighting to protect Oregon's air quality for our children and our children's children.

It's obscene that Oregonians can't even get the basic diesel protections that California has provided its' citizens for many years. Let's become the "green" state we are pro-ported to be.

Thank you,
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