

To: Chair Marsh, Vice Chair Helm and Brock Smith, and members of the committee,

I am writing to ask you to support HB 2814, which directs the Environmental Quality Commission to establish and implement an indirect source review program and to require indirect sources that create or are likely to create significant air quality concerns to notify affected residents and businesses.

Diesel emissions are known to cause harm and have been linked to brain and lung cancer, and a variety of non-cancer effects. It has been linked to premature death and non-fatal heart attacks. It is not a moment too soon to begin managing the release of black carbon into our air and airways. Regulation is necessary to control the high concentration of these dangerous and climate impacting air contaminants. Non-road equipment such as that used at construction sites account for 32% of total diesel emissions state-wide. Urban areas where construction sites allow unregulated idling of equipment are known to have higher percentages of total diesel emissions.

Many members of my family struggle with asthma, and are directly and personally threatened by uncontrolled air pollution daily. Likewise, all of us in the human family are threatened by the unquantifiable pollutants, toxins and particulates we are exposed to. Further, all life is now threatened by climate change and depends on swift action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Let's not delay in taking necessary steps to protect us all.

On behalf of my grandchildren, and yours,
Thank you.