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HB 2814

I am writing today to express my strong support of HB2814. My family lives in SE Portland not far from Brooklyn Yard, which is a truck to train transfer facility. We are exposed to diesel exhaust on an ongoing basis. Diesel exposure is linked to cancer, respiratory illness, stroke, Alzheimer's, and many other health conditions. My son has asthma as do most of his friends. Currently, communities throughout Oregon, and especially communities of color, shoulder the burden of unregulated diesel exposure. In fact, an environmental assessment of Harriet Tubman School in North Portland showed outdoor air quality to be so hazardous that the recommendation was to limit students' outdoor activities. HB2814 would go a long way in reducing diesel exposure and to help promote healthy communities. It is shameful that so many attempts at lowering diesel exposure in Oregon have failed. Even more appalling is the hold that industry lobbyists have on the state legislature. Please do the right thing and put public health before industry profits. California and Washington have done it, and so can Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration,

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