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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong support for this bill.

By establishing a program to provide rebates to persons to purchase qualifying medium or heavy duty zero-emission vehicles, the DEQ can take measurable steps to improve Oregon's air quality and resultant public health. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in 2020 Oregon had 356,958 residents reporting being diagnosed with asthma (10.6%)! We must move quickly to address our deteriorating air quality and reduce the impacts of air stagnation and regional haze events. Local businesses running commercial fleets will greatly benefit from assistance to meet emission reductions goals. This is a win-win proposal that benefits residents and businesses alike and will foster progress towards Oregon's climate related goals.