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Hello

My name is Roman Hernandez and I go to Lincoln high school in Portland Oregon. I am in the Environment Justice at my school. For the first semester that I've been in the class, I have learned so much about the many issues that we face as Oregonians, as Americans, and as Humans. We were recently taught about diesel pollution, and I have to say. The subject made me reflect back on all of the times when I've been near construction. All of the times that I have smelled exhaust fumes. It wasn't fun to think about. I am a runner. Everyday after school I go on runs around town with my teammates. When you run, you constantly inhale air. And to think that all of the times that you've been inhaling you have just been damaging your body. Well that's how I feel. Last year our new school was under construction. For a whole year we have been going to school right next to construction vehicles. And even this year the track and field is being made right next to us. So for 2 years the staff and students at my school have been breathing in polluted air that could possibly lead to health issues later in our lives. The stuff that is coming out of those old engines are gross and dangerous. I worry for my little sibling, I worry for myself, and I worry for the future generations. You are in a position of power. You represent us, the people. So when you vote. Think about us. Think about the people this will affect. Think about the people that put you in that position. HB2396 sounds like a bill that should already be applied. I don't see any harm that this could bring. And before we start thinking about the cost let's remember the values we have. Do we value Money? Or do we value the health of our precious community? The health of the kids that attend schools that are near construction sites. This should be an easy decision.

Thank you