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Dear Committee on Climate, Energy and Environment,

I am writing for the support of HB2396.

HB2396, directs the EQC to establish an indirect source review program that implements regulations for indirect sources of pollution, which are almost entirely unregulated in Oregon. These sources include; distribution centers, marine ports, rail yards, and construction sites, and account for about 65% of the harmful air emissions in the Portland Metro area and 32% state-wide. Thus, the need for regulation of these sources is paramount.

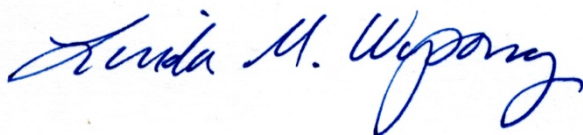
As a resident of the Kenton neighborhood of North Portland our children and elders are constantly exposed to diesel fuel pollution from the Interstate Highway, large distribution centers and construction sites. Additionally, we are located next to the Portland **International Raceway which allows leaded fuel** - a very definite health hazard that needs to cease.

Recent research about the continued allowance of leaded racing fuels shows that living near a raceway like PIR can cause increases in elderly mortality and decreases in the academic performance of children. In fact, growing up near a racetrack emitting the amount of lead as **PIR can cause as much as a 10% decline in performance on standardized tests** by the third grade. Even a single year's exposure can reduce their school performance by several percentage points. The damage declines over distance, but the effects can be measured as much as 25 miles away.

According to the Northwest Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (NW PEHSU) "Fumes from leaded gasoline contaminate the ambient air but lead in air can also settle in the soil where an elevated lead concentration could continue to be a threat long after the event is over, even impacting future generations. There have been dramatic past examples in Portland of soil contamination from historical activities, leading to negative health impacts as well as costly remediation projects. In addition, environmental threats to health are distributed unequally throughout our communities; therefore, failure to address this avoidable health risk could have the effect of deepening existing inequities. "

This is important loophole in Clean Air Regulation that should be closed. Please support HB2396 for the health of all Oregonians.

Sincerely,



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