

Dear House Representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on HB3119, which seeks to delay regulations governing medium and heavy-duty diesel truck emissions. I am writing to strongly oppose this proposed action, which would significantly undermine efforts to protect public health, reduce pollution, and combat climate change in underserved communities.

As a member of the Parkrose Argay Community, we have been affected by the pollution of the airport, I-84 freeway, train tracks, and now a trucking pollutant warehouse in our neighborhood. Parkrose and North Portland have the highest pollution rates in the city of Portland, and we want to protect other communities from going through what we as a community have gone through. Vulnerable populations, including children, the elderly, and those living near highways and industrial corridors, would bear the brunt of these adverse effects.

While the bill proponents may argue for a delay to provide more time for compliance, the science is clear: delays mean more pollution, more harm to public health, and greater long-term costs to society. It is our responsibility to uphold and advance regulations that protect the environment and our communities' well-being.

I urge you to reject this proposal and instead reaffirm your commitment to the strong, emission standards that protect our air, our health, and our future. Thank you for considering my testimony.

All best,

Celeste Ruiz