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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern about SB 1541. I am a mom with 2 young daughters, and I am often concerned by the air quality in our neighborhood. We live near the city of Milwaukee by 99E, where there are several industrial companies and many diesel trucks. At least once per week, there is a powerful chemical smell in our neighborhood, and there is often the smell of diesel smoke, particularly during rush hour when the trucks are just idling.

I am worried about my daughters' health. My father, who passed away last year from emphysema, was also concerned about our health and encouraged us to move after my youngest daughter developed a massive trachea infection when she was 18 months old. We stay because we love Oregon, but I am so worried that the air quality will shorten my daughters' lives- it seems to be getting worse every year.

From what I understand, SB 1541 sets very low standards for protecting our air. Please do not pass that bill, and instead focus on passing SB 1508. We need a well-funded DEQ and strict limits on air pollution- our kids cannot wait another day. Please help us.

Thank you,  
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