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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Re: Vote Explanation, House Bill 2007

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the following explanation of my vote on House Bill 2007 for the record.

House Bill 2007 is the result of a long and collaborative process between transportation stakeholders and the environmental community. The bi-partisan work by Representatives Power and Boshart-Davis should be commended and resulted in a well-balanced piece of legislation that I am happy to support.

I particularly appreciate that HB 2007 restricts its impact to the tri-county metro area - where the highest levels of pollution are occurring - and that the bill exempts all farm trucks, log trucks, and small fleets.

HB 2007 creates an incentive-based program that focuses the investment of Volkswagen Settlement dollars exclusively in the metro area to assist truckers in upgrading their aging diesel fleets. These upgrades are an important step in the transition toward lowering transportation emissions and accomplishes the objective without significant negative impacts to our economy and the industry that moves it. The combination of direct investments and deadlines in House Bill 2007 reflects an appropriately measured and targeted approach.

Because this bill's impact is limited exclusively to the metro area, it does not impact log trucks, and it does not impact the south coast or rural Oregon, I was a yes vote.

Best,

Caddy McKeown
State Representative
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