

HEAVY VEHICLE USE TAX CODE AMENDMENT

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Subject: Item #1212 Amend the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax Code

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

I am writing to urge you to oppose repealing Portland's tax on heavy trucks. While critical to our economy, given their weight and emissions standards, trucking incurs many externalized costs (road damage, air pollution, etc.) that are borne by the residents of Portland, especially in the disadvantaged communities closest to major trucking facilities.

Reducing or eliminating a tax that partially internalizes those costs is regressive. If anything, I would support an increased tax on unfiltered diesel vehicles to help offset their health impacts, while maintaining existing fees to help pay for the damage they do to our physical infrastructure.

Reducing fees on heavy vehicles to help pay for the damage they do to our roads is bad policy. Please do not rescind the tax.

Thank you.



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