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Aloha Decision Makers,

As a respiratory sufferer, I encourage whatever you can do to make our airways cleaner and without pollution to the environment. This is the only environment we have. We can not create a new one...but can make efforts to keep it environmentally clean. I do encourage you in your efforts towards this end. Mahalo for your concern and actions toward what is best for all of us. God bless.

I strongly support EPA's proposed rules to clean up ships and trains. Ships and trains run on poorly controlled diesel engines and diesel pollution can cause asthma attacks, heart disease, cancer and premature death. Other newly manufactured diesel engines, like heavy duty trucks, buses, construction equipment and mining equipment among others, will have to meet tough new standards over the next few years. Trains and ships must do their part as well.

I believe that your proposed rules are a solid framework to begin cleaning up hazardous diesel pollution from ships and trains, but speeding the clean up can protect more people sooner. Accordingly, it is important that this rule:

- Be finalized before the end of this year;
- Include an interim standard to reduce smog-forming NOx pollution from trains by at least 50% as soon as possible but no later than 2012;
- Put in place rigorous 80-95% reductions for both diesel soot particles (PM2.5) and smog-forming NOx pollution as soon as possible but no later than 2015 for the smaller marine engines and all trains;
- Require all locomotive and marine engines to install modern pollution control equipment when rebuilt or remanufactured.

Cleaner air means healthier people. So please finalize protective rules by year's end and please do not weaken or delay these important clean air standards. Again, I strongly support EPA's proposal to clean up the pollution from ships and trains.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
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