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## **Clean Diesel Hospitals Leadership Group**

### **Declaration of Cooperation**

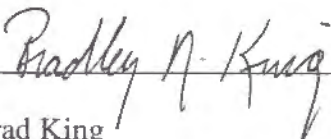
Oregon Health and Sciences University, Legacy Health System and Providence Health System are not only leading providers of health care services in Oregon and southwest Washington but we are also advocates for sustainable, health enhancing practices for our patients, our staff and the communities we serve.

Diesel engines are powerful, durable, economical and reliable, which accounts for their widespread use. However, the emissions from these engines contribute to a number of adverse health and environmental impacts, including increased risk for cancer, cardiovascular disease, asthma, chronic pulmonary obstructive disorder and other health impacts as well as adversely affecting regional haze and global warming. Despite the benefits that diesel engines bring, providing power and moving people and goods, these health and environmental costs represent an undue burden on our staff, our patients and the greater community. Advanced exhaust controls and cleaner grades of diesel fuel make it possible for existing diesel engines to run with extremely low emissions, dramatically lowering the adverse health and environmental effects of exposure.

As health care providers, we recognize that prevention is often the least costly and most effective way to ensure that the communities we serve remain healthy and the individuals that live there have productive lives. Declaring our campuses and facilities a Clean Diesel Zone is a further expression of our commitment to delivering quality health care to the citizens of Oregon and Southwest Washington.

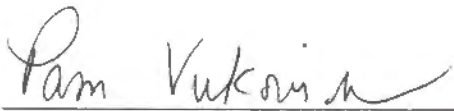
Therefore, the Clean Diesel Hospitals Leadership Group:

- recognizes that diesel exhaust represents an air quality and public health challenge that can be met;
- recognizes that clean diesel technology manufacturers, governments, our vendors and service providers and our own facilities and operations are opportunities to realize the benefits of clean diesel and that we all have a critical role to play in this endeavor;
- commits to take action within our own organizations to increase attention and investment in clean diesel technologies and practices;
- commits to address challenges to implement a diesel emission reduction program;
- commits to collaborate with the other members of the Leadership Group to resolve problems and barriers and act in concert to fully realize the benefits of this approach;
- declares our facilities to be Clean Diesel Zones where we will take steps within the next year, and continuing forward from then, to reduce emissions from our own operations and direct our suppliers, vendors and service providers to follow our example.



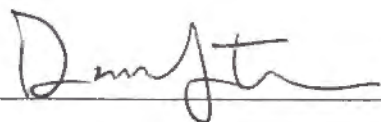
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