

Arthur Baines

Thank you. My name is Arthur Baines, that's A-R-T-H-U-R-B-A-I-N-E-S. I live in the first legislative district, and I'm here today to ask you to support the Advanced Clean Truck. Truck's rules. Um, I'm the father of a 10-month-old, and my wife has asthma and trouble with respiratory illnesses. I've worked in the field of cystic fibrosis research for the last 11 and a half years, which is a genetic disease whose most significant impacts on lifespan are related to loss of lung function over time. I attended graduate school in the UW School of Public Health, where I became familiar with the seriously detrimental impacts of environmental pollution has on our health. And that a huge portion of that impact is experienced by the poorest and least privileged communities in our state. I had to overcome significant personal fear of what the climate will look like for my child before we decided to bring another human into this world. And that was all before the Trump administration took over and started dismantling the EPA and plans to mitigate climate change. I urge you to consider the lives of all the young children today who are already growing up in a world with regular air quality issues due to pollution and yearly wildfires. We cannot afford to slow down any of the regulations we are putting in place to improve air quality. With so much already working to degrade it. Thank you for this opportunity to have my voice heard.