

Hello, I am writing in support of House Bill 3492. My family and I live on the bluff in the University Park neighborhood in Portland. It is a beautiful area that is teeming with children and University of Portland students. Willamette Boulevard is a gorgeous tree-lined street that is a staple route for hundreds of runners and bikers every day.

However, below the bluff that we live on is Swan Island, an industrial park. Pollution from the industries on Swan Island makes its way up to our idyllic neighborhood on a *daily basis*. We get chemical paint smells from Western Star/Daimler, and we get diesel-type fumes from Vigor Industrial. The smells are so bad that we sometimes have to bring our children inside the house. The gaseous fumes from Vigor are so bad that I sometimes smell them *in my house*.

When I tell people from out of state that we are experiencing these problems, they say, "but you live in Oregon!" expecting that this is such a green, forward-thinking city, it couldn't possibly have toxic air. Unfortunately that's not the case. My neighbors and I have gotten together with the industries on Swan Island and the DEQ to try to address the problem. We have held countless meetings, organized awareness events and gotten involved with our local government. Just two weeks ago when a neighbor called the DEQ about the chemical smells in the air, the representative from DEQ said that the fumes are from a flower that happens to be in bloom right now. After years of complaining to the DEQ about the fumes in our neighborhood, that is what we're told?! Obviously the industries in Oregon and the DEQ are not going to fix these problems without new legislation. We need to pass House Bill 3492 so that the companies and the DEQ are held to higher standards. Smelling fumes in my neighborhood is a nuisance. But even more important than that, it is a health risk.

Thank you.

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