

Hi my name is Linda Nakashima and I live in North Portland by University of Portland and I am very concerned for the health of my child and all the families our neighborhood.

When my son was born 8 years ago we started to make sure we had a safe home for him to live in. We purchased a filtration system so we would have cleaner water, we purchased a clean air heat pump, we purchased new windows, painted base boards so he had no harm from lead paint, I purchase about 80 organic foods and milk. We recycle, compose and try to do anything we can to keep him healthy.

But when I heard about the USA today report that came out about all the toxins in our air in North Portland I got scared. It said our air is so toxic with cancer causing chemicals that they rated our schools top 5% of in the country.

I am so concerned about this effect this has on our family and other families that live in our neighborhood. The smell up here determines what we can do that day. We cannot go outside and play like other neighborhoods. The smell is so bad you can taste it. I have heard from some neighbors that they get head aches from the smell. I hate living like this and having my son live like this.

One of our biggest problems is Daimler we have tried really hard to get them to do a good neighbor agreement and failed with each try. So this bill will help motivate them (I hope) to start to improve on the toxic fumes we breath.

We need help to reduce all these chemicals in our air. I pray that my son will never get cancer because we did not do anything to fix this problem. Please help me to protect our children.

Thanks

Linda Nakashima a very scared mother

Help to reduce the chemical in the air, our children need your help.