

February 23, 2016

Rep. Jessica Vega Pedersen, Chair  
Subcommittee for Energy and Environment  
Oregon House of Representatives

Dear Rep. Vega Pedersen and Committee Members,

I am a resident and homeowner at SE 21st and Tibbetts, one block north of Powell and 1200 feet north of Bullseye Glass. I am stunned at the recent findings related to hazardous air pollutants identified near our home where I live with my wife and our four year old daughter. We have lived at this location for sixteen years, and our young daughter has lived here her whole life. Given our sixteen years living in this location, we very concerned about potential long term exposure to these hazardous air pollutants.

During the first public meeting on February 9 at the community forum hosted by Multnomah County Health Department, Oregon Health Authority and the Department of Environmental Quality we learned that Bullseye Glass has no pollution control equipment related to their glass furnace operations. I was floored when this fact came to light. The fact that Bullseye Glass has operated as an uncontrolled source of hazardous air pollutants for over 40 years requires immediate action. Regardless of their permit – current operations are creating a human health risk that needs to be addressed now.

Oregon's environmental regulations associated with water quality are some of the most protective in the county. Oregon's land cleanup rules have implemented a pragmatic risk based approach to decision making. How can there be such a disconnect when it comes to our environmental regulations associated with air quality? Action is required to address this loophole in our air toxics rules.

Unfortunately, no one can turn back the clock on my families and neighbors past exposure. But I am hoping that we will gain a more realistic picture of what the exposure risks might look like for residents in the affected areas going forward. To that end, **Oregon needs to appropriately fund DEQ to allocate resources necessary to address this matter.**

Clearly there are greater issues surrounding Oregon air toxics, permits and regulations. Reportedly, Bullseye is in compliance with their existing air permit. This is a clear failure of our regulatory system to protect the health and well being of the public. Oregon is a beautiful place to live and raise a family. Please help us to protect ourselves and preserve our State so that my daughter isn't writing this same letter 20 years from now.

I implore you to use your elected positions to address this mater. This issue is urgent.

Respectfully,

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