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Cc: Chris Canote; Sarah Clark; reardon julie; Amy O'Connor; Andrew
Subject: Re. Full Support for HB2669 Air Toxics Reporting Bill

3/13/2017

To Whom it May Concern,

As one of the leaders of South Portland Air Quality, and with the support of our leadership team, I am writing to express our enthusiasm and full support for HB 2669 - the Toxics Reporting and Community Right to Know Bill.

We believe that everyone deserves to know what toxics are in their air and water. HB 2669 would allow cities or counties to collect toxic emission data for more than 1,500 toxic chemicals. It would report this data, down to the pound rather than by the ton, making results more exact and meaningful to residents. HB 2669 would inform everyone in local communities of the air toxics pollution data on a website for the public run by the Local Fire Marshall. Data could be retrieved at the public's convenience anytime.

Since HB 2669 is a voluntary program, we hope that cities or counties would choose to implement the program based on community support; however, participation in the program is not required. There is no cost to taxpayers or government because the polluter pays for the program.

Again, our organization, South Portland Air Quality, supports HB 2669 fully. We feel that it will be of benefit to many communities. If citizens know more about the toxics in their air and water then citizens can advocate for healthy choices and changes.

In support of HB 2669,

South Portland Air Quality

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