

March 17, 2017

Cully Air Action Team  
Portland, OR 97218

Re: House Bill 2669

To Whom It May Concern:

Cully Air Action Team strongly supports the passage of House Bill 2669. As residents of Cully we are surrounded by industry, with toxic emissions that know no boundaries. We call for transparency in toxic emissions data that will allow the community to be informed about what is in the air, the water and the soil that people ingest.

Cully residents are physically burdened by the many highways, and I-205, which transverse our neighborhood. Cully is the most ethnically diverse neighborhood in Portland, therefore is also the most diverse neighborhood in Oregon. We unjustly shoulder a high proportion of the toxic-emissions burden in Northeast Portland, and act as the geographic toxic barrier for other, wealthier neighborhoods like Alameda and Roseway.

We cannot start to protect ourselves and our children under the current toxics legislation. The passage of House Bill 2669 will be the entry to giving us the opportunity to live healthier lives, and educate others about the hazards of industry in the area, in turn helping them to protect themselves and their children.

One of CAAT's main foci is educating the historically underserved and Spanish speaking populations in Cully, empowering residents through the awareness of their industrial surroundings. This Bill would greatly improve our ability to create meaningful outreach and presentations, in turn improving the health of those in our neighborhood.

We urge you to pass House Bill 2669.

Sincerely,

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