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With reference to bill #SB 995, I am in total support of this bill.

My name is Joe Hovey, and I am a resident of SE Portland, OR. And I am concerned about what is happening in the environment - whether it be AIR, GROUND or WATER. Granted I am in my mid-60's, and you may say "Why should I care about what we do to the environment?" BUT I do - I have genuine concerns about what we leave to future generations in terms of clean air, fresh water and toxic free soil. And the reality is that there are manufacturers in the state that put "profit" over and above what they are doing to the environment around us.

One of my main concerns is what is happening in DC these days, specifically as it relates to the castration of the EPA. Apparently, no one on the national level is concerned about what happens to our environment! So it falls back to the States. And given the current situation, Oregon's DEQ is faced with the possibility of cutting back on staff.

So how do we balance budget/underfunding with environmental responsibility. After all, we are dealing with human lives here! The easy way out is to say "Screw it!" Just let business have it's way and let's see what happens. But we look to our local government to provide its citizens with a safe / healthy environment. This bill provides a great solution as it is funded by polluter fees and general funds.

This is no longer the 50's / 60's where growth at any cost is acceptable. We now know that this type of attitude causes more issues that originally conceived. Businesses need to begin to think "holistically" - how to generate a profit without endangering the environment and thus the health of its community. It would seem to me that this is mandatory in today's world. We can no longer adhere to outdated paradigms. We need to come to an understanding that business needs to be responsible for what they input and output. The costs should NOT fall on the community in terms of health issues nor financial obligations - i.e. TAXES.

To me, Bill # 995 is a good compromise. It is a statewide mandatory process, funded by polluter fees.

Times have changed and we need to adapt!



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