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Senator Dembrow, Representative Kotek and fellow bill sponsors:

I am writing this testimony as I am unable to be at the hearing in person for SB 871. Here is what I would say if I were able to be there in person:

I am the chair of Portland's Bureau of Development Services' Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC). While I am not submitting this testimony on behalf of the committee, it is my involvement with the DRAC that informs my testimony.

In the process of the Portland City Council passing an ordinance requiring a 35 day delay on demolitions so that neighborhoods could be informed of a residential demolition, there was strong public concern regarding health impacts resulting from asbestos and lead exposure during a demolition. I attended well over 30 neighborhood meetings and at every one there was always concerns raised about the handling of asbestos and lead in a demolition. As a result of hearing these concerns DRAC convened a subcommittee in June 2014 with all the various Federal, State, County and City agencies who had any involvement in handling of asbestos and lead abatement. 15 different agencies and bureaus attended that first meeting in June 2014. There were several subsequent meetings, and as a result of the efforts of that group, and other citizen interest groups, SB 270 was passed and policies put in place by the City of Portland in the handling of asbestos in a demolition. I know that is a simplified version of how it all came to be, but the end result was the ability to implement policies that provide protections from asbestos. Now it is time to provide that same principal to lead abatement. I encourage you, and your colleagues, to pass SB 871 which:

- Makes changes to program requiring asbestos survey to have been conducted before demolishing residence or residential building.
- Creates program requiring lead-based paint survey to have been conducted before demolishing residence or residential building

This will provide the opportunity for cities to enact polices that will provide protections for their citizens from lead based paint exposure.

I know there will be resistance by some groups but my overall opinion, working with developers and neighborhoods, is that this will provide an opportunity for transparency and accountability for everyone involved. At the same time it will allow for the implementation of policies that will protect citizens from the impacts of improper handling of asbestos and lead. There are many undisputed health reports that have determined the dangers of exposure to

lead based paint dust.

Passing this bill is what I call a "no brainer".

It has been almost 3 years of neighborhood activism on the issue of the handling of lead based paint in demolitions. I applaud your efforts to sponsor this bill.

Thank you, and your staff, for your efforts in creating this bill to protect the citizens you serve.

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