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To: JWMNR Exhibits
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Hello,

I just want to go on record as an Oregonian to show my support for HB 2269 to fund the work of Cleaner Air Oregon (CAO).

We all know that environmental monitoring and protection is critical. And we also know it isn't free. We need funds for the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to do the necessary work under CAO in keeping the air we breathe safe today and investing in the health and well-being of future generations. Because of the federal budget cuts being proposed, it is more important than ever that DEQ get the funding it needs! I also want to point out that the bill's fee increases on stationary air pollution source permittees is modest but represents a critical step to making sure that the rules that protect our air can be implemented. It is fair and necessary to make sure CAO can do its job and identify and minimize public health risks from air toxics.

Governor Kate Brown created CAO in 2016 and the state started the process of identifying the right air regulations to prioritize public health. Oregon has made significant progress in the right direction. It makes no sense to go this far and not finish the job.

Thank you for taking my comment.

Sincerely,
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