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The Honorable Michael Dembrow
Senate Committee on Environment and Natural Resources
900 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Chair Dembrow and Members of the Committee,

I am writing in opposition of House Bill 2785-A. I have many concerns if this bill were to pass.

We have experienced direct adverse effects to surrounding lands since rock fill was and is being brought onto 15+ acres of farm use only land because of a build and now a rebuild of agricultural/storage and business buildings due to a fire last summer. And now rock has been brought onto an connecting 9+ parcel of land, owned by the same individual, for storage of stacks and rows of straw/hay under tarps. What steps are going to be in place to ensure that the properties next to the build/rebuild site won't have a negative impact by adding or removing fill?

There is no sufficient drainage for water runoff on both properties. Water use to drain east from this property and has been forced to come north thru a cut made by this land owner. It now runs on to my property and my neighbors. The rock has created flooding and lakes on surrounding properties. Who will be responsible for making sure guidelines are followed to avoid adverse effects on neighboring properties?

The storage of straw/hay on a deep bed of rock not more than 15 feet off my neighbors fence line and next to

their house, causes me great concern. This straw/hay stacks have been exposed to rain and then recovered with tarps. With the weather heating up, so is this long, high stack of flammable material. There was a fire last summer due to combustion on the adjacent property and I fear that this stack will catch fire. The rural fire department was called to check smoke coming from the exposed front bails of staw late this past winter. The front bails were ordered removed but the remainder of the stack still exists. If these bails catch fire, and the conditions are right, the neighbors house, as well as ours, will go up in flames. Who is responsible for making sure these stacks are the proper distance from neighboring homes? And who is responsible for monitoring the heat build-up in these stacks to prevent spontaneous combustion?

The contaminated rock from last summers fire has been spread on 9+ acres. This property is in direct line with wells to the north. My concerns is these contaminates will leach into the land and eventually into our well waters. This rock needs to be removed.

The hay press business on the 15+ acre property is run almost 24/7. This was a quiet country area and now this business, on farm use only land, produces loud noises. This noise pollution makes it difficult to sleep at night, even with the windows closed.

There is also a trucking company located on this property. This has nothing to do with farm use only land and is bringing possible contaminates to the neighborhood. The air and ground pollutants to this area are not welcome.

All of these concerns are a direct result of a build and now a rebuild of 2 agricultural storage and machinery storage buildings in our neighborhood. I am asking that this bill not pass without looking into the effects it is

havingon our neighborhood and may have in the future.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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