

Honorable members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Natural Resources,

My name is Jennifer Jones and I am here today as a representative of the Eastside Portland Air Coalition. I would like to read into the record a statement on behalf of our 3500 plus members, future generations, and the following community groups from all over the state of Oregon we represent on the Cleaner Air Oregon Advisory Committee:

Corvallis Clean Air
The Dalles Air Coalition
PDX North Harbor Neighbors
Cully Air Action Team
Cleaner Air Grants Pass
South Portland Air Quality
Citizens of Rockaway Beach
Portland Clean Air
NWDA Air Quality Committee
Environment and Human Health Advisory
Concerned Citizens for Clean Air, Lincoln County
McPhillips Farms, McMinnville
Hillsboro Air and Water
Linnton Neighborhood Association
Stop the Dump Coalition
Carroll Johnson
Air Advocacy
SE Uplift
St. John's Neighborhood Association
Woodstock Neighborhood Association
And
NE Coalition of Neighborhoods

We want to reaffirm our support for HB2269-A. This bill will support the laborious and dedicated work of so many citizens over the past year. Including thousands of public health and environmental advocates across the State, industry representatives supporting the Governor's Cleaner Air Oregon rulemaking, expert advisors, as well as Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Health Authority.

Please remember that HB 2269-A calls for a ONE-TIME activity fee for this essential project designed to protect public health and the health of our shared environment. Actual DEQ permit fee schedules are not impacted by the passage of this bill.

We also support this bill because it upholds the universally accepted mandate for "Polluter Pays." We are well past time for industries that have been emitting toxic chemicals into our common spaces for over 100 years, and the legislators who have

assisted them, to start correcting the balance. We have been paying for decades with our health and lives. This affects us all.

At a time in our nations history when we are acutely focused on the costs and methods of healthcare, it may interest the Sub Committee to understand the cost implications to Oregonians if we do not take precautions to clean up the air we breathe. Asthma, cancer, Alzheimer's, heart disease and pulmonary disease diagnosis' are skyrocketing and the cost burden of treating and curing those diseases, known to be caused by toxic air, will bankrupt our state if gone unchecked.*

The general public Supports Clean Air Protections. Your constituents SUPPORT CLEAN AIR PROTECTIONS! Please, allow this important project to proceed with your full support. We are begging you to enthusiastically support HB 2269-A.

Thank you

Jennifer Jones
Eastside Portland Air Coalition

*Conservative Current Costs for treating asthma, heart attacks, cancer and pulmonary disorders

\$3,100 per asthma patient per year
\$760,000 per person for least severe heart attack
\$287,000 per alzheimer patient for 5 years of treatment
\$74,212 average cost per cancer patient
\$5,307 per person per year for pulmonary disorders

<https://asthmarp.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s40733-016-0029-3>
<http://www.cbsnews.com/news/how-much-would-a-heart-attack-cost-you/>
http://act.alz.org/site/DocServer/2012_Costs_Fact_Sheet_version_2.pdf?docID=7161
<http://ascopubs.org/doi/full/10.1200/jop.2011.000469>
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