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Re: HB#2396

Good morning, my name is Kimberly and I currently reside in the Parkrose community and I have gone to Parkrose schools since kindergarten. Something that you should know about my community is that it is very diverse. As of right now I am currently taking an activism class where we have been confronted with the topic of negative air quality. The reason I am speaking out is because my community is full of low income families and there are many factors that are harming them because of this bad air quality. I do agree with HB#2396 because there should be regulation on high concentration of dangerous and climate forcing air contaminants because our air quality is impacting lives daily.

I have gone to Parkrose schools all throughout elementary to high school and our schools are next to major two major highways interstate 84 and interstate 205. There are also many kids that play sports in the area. These toxic air pollutants are making it more difficult for these young athletes to play and become stronger; there is a risk for increased asthma and it affects many young athletes. What matters now is the fact that the Kmart will be demolished and turned into a distribution center where there will be a lot of trucks commuting through the neighborhood. As a result this will bring more toxic pollutants into the area than we already have. The construction from demolition and construction will release even more emissions into the air. There is already enough pollution in the area since it is near several construction zones. This issue matters because everyone deserves the right to clean air. HB#2396 would control the high concentrations of toxic air pollutants; this house bill would tackle the rules for the future distribution center where Kmart is. This house bill will benefit a lot of surrounding communities including Parkrose. This future regulation will allow many young people to have a better future and health as we fight for a change in our communities. Please take this into consideration because we need to make a difference. Thank you.