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On Behalf Of: Self

Committee: House Committee On Climate, Energy, and Environment

Measure: HB3229

Hello,

DEQ's current level of permitting staff must be maintained. If anything, staff size should be increased. As a North Portland resident, I can smell industrial air many mornings and evenings when I step outside. The situation has gotten worse, not better, in recent years as heavy industries have moved close by with little if any regulation or neighborhood input. Please increase investigations into our air quality and hold polluters accountable. Our very lives are at risk.

Thank you.