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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Transportation
Measure: HB3382

Chair Gorsek, Co-Chair McLain and Members of the Joint Committee on Transportation,

My name is Emily Polanshek. I am a retired teacher from Canby School District, and now live on Canby St. in Multnomah Village. I am a mother and grandmother.

I firmly oppose HB 3382.

Given the acceleration of climate instability, every decision we make now needs to take environmental impacts into account. The human population has altered so much of our planet that the balance of life, land, water, oceans, winds and atmosphere is getting more and more out of whack. So we must be forward-thinking in order to leave a livable planet to our children.

This bill is confusing in that there is no mention of why it is needed. But in reading some of the testimony in opposition, I share the concerns of a letter submitted by Travis Williams of Willamette Riverkeepers. I have copied part of it to include here:

“HB 3382 is an extreme and dangerous bill. The list of local and state regulations that could be waived is staggering and includes: public involvement requirements, environmental zoning to protect in-water, riparian and upland habitat, protections for floodplains and wetlands, protections for Oregon’s coastal zone, zoning restrictions to protect adjacent communities, dredging and dredge disposal regulations - the list goes on and on. This bill would have made it almost impossible to stop terrible projects like the development of West Hayden Island and Pembina Propane. It would have taken away some of the community's most important tools to stop new fossil fuel facilities. Waiving these protections would give powerful ports and their powerful industrial allies the ability to simply trample long standing protections for our community and our environment.”

Please do not advance HB 3382. Thank you.