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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3062

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans, thank you for the opportunity to comment on HB 3062. I am writing to urge you to vote in support of this bill.

My name is Thomas and I support HB 3062. I was directly impacted by the Proligis fire in 2023 and I believe that building never should have been allowed to be built there. This bill will give us the tools to prevent future incidents and help safeguard our community.

I want Oregon to help communities like mine plan for and address the impacts that we experience when industrial and residential uses immediately border one another. Companies in an industrial corridor feel the negative effects when a city decides to zone or rezone residential development in the area without an impact analysis or mitigation plan. It also can pose dangers for people living in that future residential development. When a town decides to zone an industrial site near a school without understanding and preventing negative impacts on students, teachers, and the school community, both the future company and the school community grow more and more frustrated with each other.

We need a solution to prevent the dangers and hazards stemming from thoughtlessly placing industries near schools, homes, hospitals, and care facilities and vice versa. This legislation responds to this issue and enables us to accomplish thoughtful, intentional community planning. I hope you will support HB 3062 as a reasonable solution that helps both industries and everyday Oregonians pursue their best futures.

Thank you for considering my comments and allowing this opportunity for public input.