

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.

I am a 4th generation Oregonian who supports HB 3062, which will positively affect the way my community decides where to locate industry, schools, homes, hospitals, and care facilities and what we can do if they are located next to each other. I have experienced firsthand when harmful industry pushes its way into a neighborhood, having seen a freight warehouse push itself into my community, walking distance from one of Portland's most diverse high schools, adjacent to apartment complexes, and furthering harmful environmental impacts on a frontline community. This freight warehouse brings increased truck traffic, air pollution, and noise into a residential area, exacerbating health risks for nearby families, children, and seniors. Situations like this highlight the urgent need for stronger safeguards to prevent industrial developments from disproportionately impacting historically marginalized and working-class communities.

HB 3062 gives my community an important tool to make sure neighborhoods come with common-sense protections when industry and communities become neighbors. I want Oregon to help communities plan for and address the impacts that we experience when industrial and residential uses immediately border one another.

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. HB 3062 is a proactive solution that ensures intentional and informed community planning. By supporting this bill, Oregon can take meaningful steps toward protecting the health and well-being of all communities while balancing economic and industrial needs. I strongly urge you to vote in favor of this legislation.

Thank you for considering my comments and for your commitment to public engagement.

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