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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 Committee Members Boice, Evans, Skarlatos and Watanabe,

Hello, I'm Alex Macdonald and I am writing today to voice my support for HB 3062, which will establish public health protections in our land use system. I support HB 3062 because until capitalism puts a price on pollution, regulation is the only hope for industry to not pollute to the detriment of our health. Just look at the economic incentives. Often, this pollution is invisible to those it harms most. You are our only hope.

HB 3062 is a forward thinking bill that ensures healthy communities are part of the long range economic plan in Oregon. Too often when industrial and residential zones meet, the real needs of community and public health take a backseat to perceived barriers to industry and we end up with inconsistent and contradictory decisions that confuse businesses and harm people.

Economic growth should not come at the expense of community health and well-being. By modernizing our land use planning system, HB 3062 will help Oregon build a future where both businesses and communities can thrive responsibly. I urge you to support this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Alex Macdonald, Portland resident, homeowner, tax payer