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My name is Rozanei and I'm a High School student in the parkrose community. Something people should know about this community is it's a very diverse community, very welcoming and friendly, not very problematic. I'm in support of House Bill 3062 which is Planning for healthy communities. I support it because it's a concept for the health and safety of people, our economy, and our environment.

I'm also a person of color and I know that a community with people of color is already affected by a lot. I want the ability to raise concerns about potential local sources of pollution before they are built. With a diverse community already dealing with a lot and with having all the traffic highways and there's already another trucking company over by Costo which is already causing bad air pollution. I don't think them constructing another trucking company where the old Kmart used to be is a good idea. Due to it also being so close to the Parkrose district schools, it's not safe or healthy for the residents in the area. I'm concerned about the impacts of poor air quality, which disproportionately burdens people of color, low-income families living near warehouses and major traffic corridor.

About two and a half years ago my family and I moved here, already hearing the constant noise of the freeway while living very close to the freeway. It wasn't a neighborhood of quietness. I can say that walking to and from school means having to be very aware of my surroundings due to the very busy streets for my safety. And at lunch most times I walk to my favorite food cart place called El Yucateco and breathe in the air pollution which is very smoky and dusty due to the facilities that are built near there.

I should have the right to breathe clean air in my community and city in any area I go to. Our community deserves to have clean air.

Sincerely,
Parkrose Student Rozanei Bowden