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My name is Cassidy Lynn Wall, I am a high school student and I am part of the Parkrose community.

I am supporting Bill #HB3062 because I think that my community and I should be able to have a say on potential local sources of pollution before they are pursued. I think this is important because it personally impacts our community permanently.

I personally have grown up and live on a small farm, having a childhood where I learned how to take care of our land and community thoughtfully. It has always been important to me and my family to consider our impact on the environment and what we can do to help is very important to me. Our beautiful valley farm property has been put at environmental risk several times throughout my life, as it is surrounded by the logging property on Marys Peak. When I was in the third grade, a large acreage of the Siuslaw National Forest was logged all around our property. Throughout the next few years my family would start to notice the wildlife populations rise and fall substantially! We would sit out on the porch in the morning watching beavers swim through the pond, we would see wild geese flying through, bear and elk tracks in the forest, tree frogs and banana slugs in every thick little nest of forest. Now things have changed. The birds and bats that we used to watch fly over the pond and eat mosquitos everyday started becoming fewer, there are no more beavers and muskrats, I haven't seen a herd of elk graze through our pasture in three years now, all the native plants and insects that I spend my childhood drafting in my nature journal are only in the most scenic of places! This experience has led me to learn that large companies do not have the opinions of small communities on their minds at all.

Bill #HB3062 would support fixing the issues that my community has experienced with corporate companies by stopping issues before they arise, because we all know that the locals know their home better than anyone.

I would like large corporate companies to have local regulations before they are given the authority to hold projects on land that they do not have a say in or are not impacted by. This law puts the well being of every and all citizens before the value of corporate commodities.

The Healthy community act gives a voice to the average American that has been silenced for too long.

We need to heal our communities by setting limits on pollutant projects, based on the communities opinion and wellbeing.

Please support HB3062. Thank you chair — and members of the committee for listening to my story.