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Healthy Communities Act

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Good afternoon my name is Mia. And I am a part of the Activism English class at Parkrose High school. Our class has been learning and studying about the legislators. Something that you should know about my community is that it is a good environment. And my community is very about their community, and all for helping make our community better. I am asking you to support HB3062.

I am a former athlete that played AAU basketball. And for the people that don't know what AAU means, it means Amateur Athletic Union. So when traveling sometimes the air quality felt way different from Portland. And sometimes it would make me sick once I made it back to Portland. I support HB 3062 planning for the Healthy Communities Act. And I support HB 3062 because that act will adopt a statewide response that will uphold state land goals for economic development while also protecting sensitive communities by addressing disparate and cumulative impacts. I think that this means that their goals are to make a statewide response that will really help make a change for the environment, but also protect in a way. Our community already has various amounts of pollution, so just continuing to dump more and more does not help. And it does not make the community any better.

HB3062 has my 100% vote YES. So I suggest any other student do the same because The Healthy Communities Act is very important to our environment. In my opinion not even just the Parkrose community but also the Portland community has been really good at advocating on what we want and need.