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Testimony on House Bill # 3062

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My name is Willow and I am a senior at Parkrose high school. I support bill 3062 because I feel it should always be up to the majority of the community to have a choice when something is being put in the middle of our neighborhoods and by our schools, especially if that something could be dangerous.

I am personally affected by this issue because both me and my brother have asthma and the extra pollutants in the air from the trucks could make it even worse, not to mention those who have worse illnesses and/or have to walk to school every day.

Something that I love about my community is the diversity. Parkrose high school is the number one most diverse school in Oregon and we are considered an 'sensitive community' so it is questionable when we keep getting more industrial sites dumped on us without being considered because environmental racism does in fact exist. We already have the airport, train tracks, i-84, and plenty of other warehouses surrounding us making it not only an eyesore, but potentially dangerous.

We are asking for our children, elderly, those with health problems, and everyone in between to be considered and listened to about this issue and we want to bring this to everyone's attention so it doesn't happen again in other neighborhoods.

Thank you for listening,
Willow Downs