

TO: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans  
RE: Support of **HB 3062**  
DATE: 02/21/25

Dear Chair Tran, Vice-Chair Grayber, Vice-Chair Lewis, and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans,

My name is Maya Ryley, and I live in Eugene when I'm not in Salem attending Willamette University where I'm working towards a degree in Sociology and English. As someone who has loved learning my whole life, I strongly **support HB 3062** because it protects schools, hospitals, homes, and other sensitive locations from the harmful impacts of industrial development.

School has always been a unique and special place to me. It's where I've learned basic skills like reading and writing, but it's also the place where I've grown as a person as well as made lasting relationships. I've had classes go on hikes up Spencer Butte to bond, go on field trips to learn about salmon spawning, and now I have the history of Willamette's Star Trees to inspire me. Throughout my life school has been a safe, clean, and healthy part of my life where I've learned important life lessons and skills

However, my experience with school isn't the norm or even the requirement. For example, less than five miles away from my university is Chemeketa Community College which doesn't get to have a protected learning environment because they have an incinerator half a mile from their campus. Their learning is not safe, clean, or healthy.

Chemeketa is a prime example of how Oregon's current land use system doesn't require cities and counties to consider the public health and environmental justice impacts the location of industrial development has now and in the future. This lack of policy leads to negative effects on air, water, and land, which leads to higher rates of asthma, cancer, reproductive harm, and more. Nevertheless, **HB 3062** will help to bridge this policy gap by requiring local governments to assess the negative health and environmental justice impacts before approving industrial development near these sensitive areas.

I implore you to support **HB 3062** as a way to protect the unique environment schools foster. To help right the wrong of Chemeketa Community College by making sure this situation never happens again and by supporting this bill every child, adolescent, young adult, and family will benefit from having a safe, clean, and healthy environment around them. Please be the protector of our schools and allow everyone the opportunity to become the best they can be.

Thank you for your support,  
Maya Ryley