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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3062

Chair Tran and members of the House Committee on Emergency Management, General Government, and Veterans:

I urge you to vote no on HB 3062. For more than thirty years I've worked in planning for the public, private and non-profit sectors in Oregon, including more than a dozen years working for a healthcare provider to integrate public health, livability and wellness with other community planning principles. While well intentioned, HB 3062 represents bad public policy but applying yet another statewide mandate to issues that are best addressed on the local level. Moreover, the tools in place to protect environmental resources and public health are best dealt with through the structure of existing regulatory mechanisms best suited to make localized evaluations of potential impacts. HB 3062 instead uses a blunt instrument of the zoning code and crude to hamstring existing and future employment uses that are essential in making our communities economically and financially healthy. This legislation is fraught with unintended consequences; I urge you to vote no on HB 3062.