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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1573

Chair Reynolds, Vice Chair Anderson and members of the committee,

I oppose SB 1573. Two thousand feet is over a third of a mile, taller than the Empire State Building, and a few hundred feet short of the Burj Khalifa. Imagine the radius of that in a city like Portland for every public and private elementary, secondary and career school attended primarily by minors. These are very broad qualifications and many, many properties would qualify. This radius would simply cover the entire city and every accessible location. This is a ban.

In my opinion, the language of this bill relies on the reader's emotional, knee jerk reaction to the language it uses. It would be honorable to write it with honesty, so I would encourage that instead.

Thank you for your time.