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Good afternoon Chair Roblan and members of the Committee. I'm Betty Reynolds, member of the West Linn Wilsonville School Board, and am appearing on behalf of Keith Steele, Chair of the School Board.

Two District schools which house over 1,000 primary and middle school children and staff, and practice fields used by thousands of students District-wide, are located directly across from a proposed composting facility. The facility would compost, among other things, food waste and livestock manure. A conditional use permit has been issued by Clackamas County, and the Board has expressed concern about the safety of students and staff based on the likely odor, traffic, dust, noise, and bioaerosol hazards generated by the facility.

We appreciate your leadership in considering this issue and any efforts you can take to protect the safety of students and staff. We understand you'll be considering amendments today, and urge you to keep in mind the impact of composting facilities on the full range of those affected, including schools.

Thank you for the opportunity of testifying.