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To: Sen Burdick; Rep Williamson; JWMNR Exhibits
Subject: support for HB2269
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Dear Senator Burdick & Representative Williamson:

Thank you for your support of HB2269 to fund the critical work of Cleaner Air Oregon.

This bill, and the modest and necessary fee increases it imposes on stationary air pollution source permittees, is a critical step towards the successful implementation of the health-protective air toxics rules presently under development by the DEQ and OHA. Communities across the state have been forced to bear health risks and costs imposed on them by the lack of an adequate air toxics regulatory program. Cleaner Air Oregon will establish a regulatory framework within which public health risks will be identified and, when necessary, reduced. It is fair that the sources placing communities at risk of harm play a greater role in funding efforts to reduce those harms than in the past. If DEQ doesn't receive funding for this work, we know it won't happen. It makes no sense to go this far and not finish the job. Thank you for listening to the people not the profits!

Thank you for all of your work on so many fronts during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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