

I am writing in support of HB 3372. I was born and raised in The Dalles Oregon. My community is sick and being poisoned everyday by multiple reopened superfund sites and incoming industry. There are days when the Union Pacific tie plant creosote is so strong that you can taste it. The air is thick with toxins. They operate 24/7 with no regard for human health. There is a school that sits above the tie plant. Kids are sick and parents have no idea that the stench in the air is poisoning their children. I moved above the tie plant unknowingly with my two daughters. Our entire family became very sick. I have serious blood disease among other health conditons related to toxic exposure. I moved away in an effort to stop my blood cells from dying. We also have an aluminum plant operating 24/7 on the other side of town. Pumping out many of the same carcinogenic chemicals as the tie plant. 24/7 and DEQ says they can do nothing about it. People living in The Dalles have many of the same awful health conditions. It is the norm to be sick or taking care of some one sick. No one is taking into account cumulative effect. The tie plant should have been shut down like all of the others in the 90's instead they were given a free pass to operate whenever they want with whatever they want and its all "proprietary" so we dont need to know anything. Some days after playing outside in the thick stench my entire family including pets would spend the evening throwing up while tending to a migraine. Industry doesnt care what our human bodies can handle. They are all about the money. So many lives sacraficed to this greedy practice. It is time, at the very least, that these poison facilities have some rules and regulations.